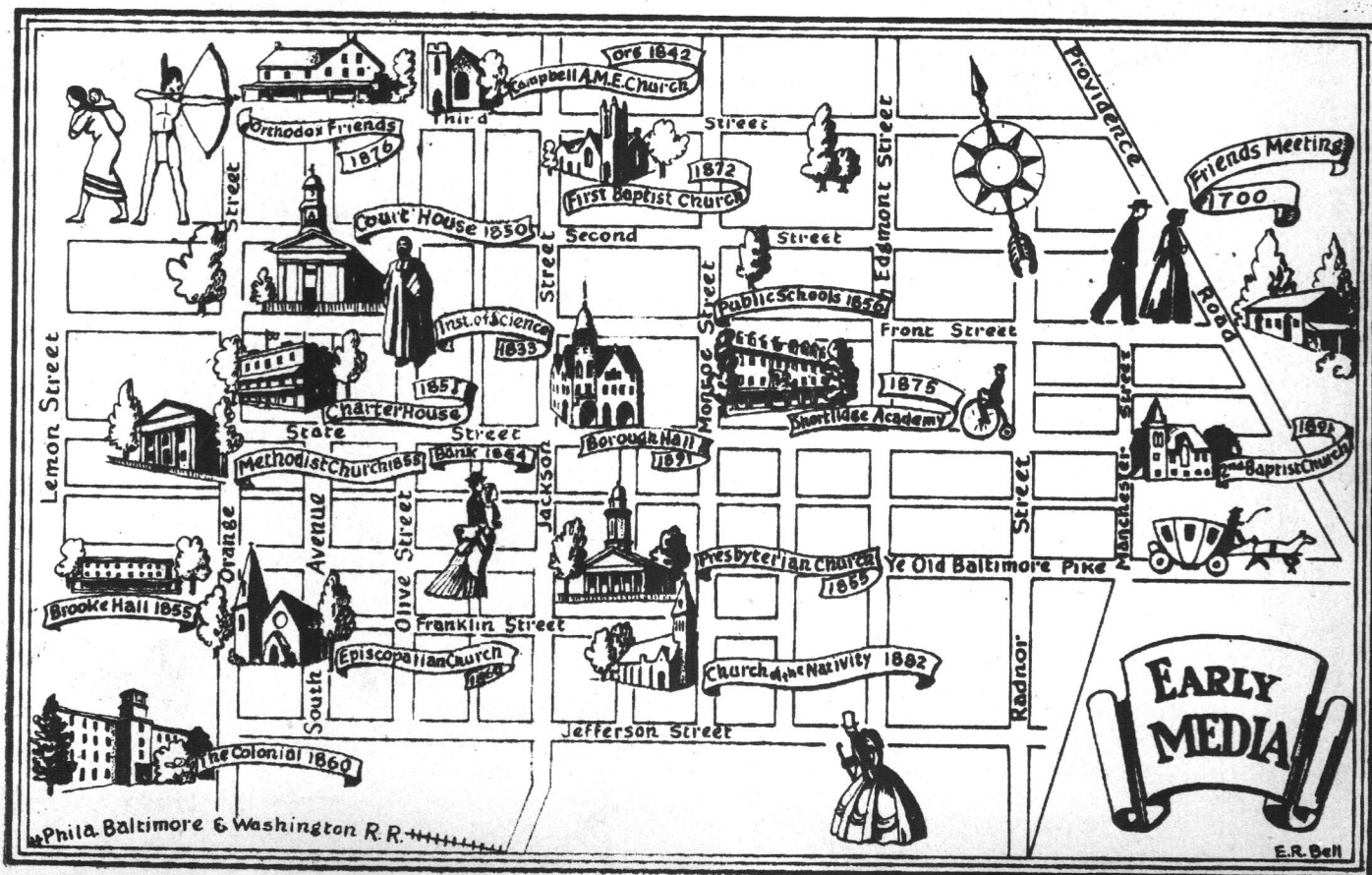


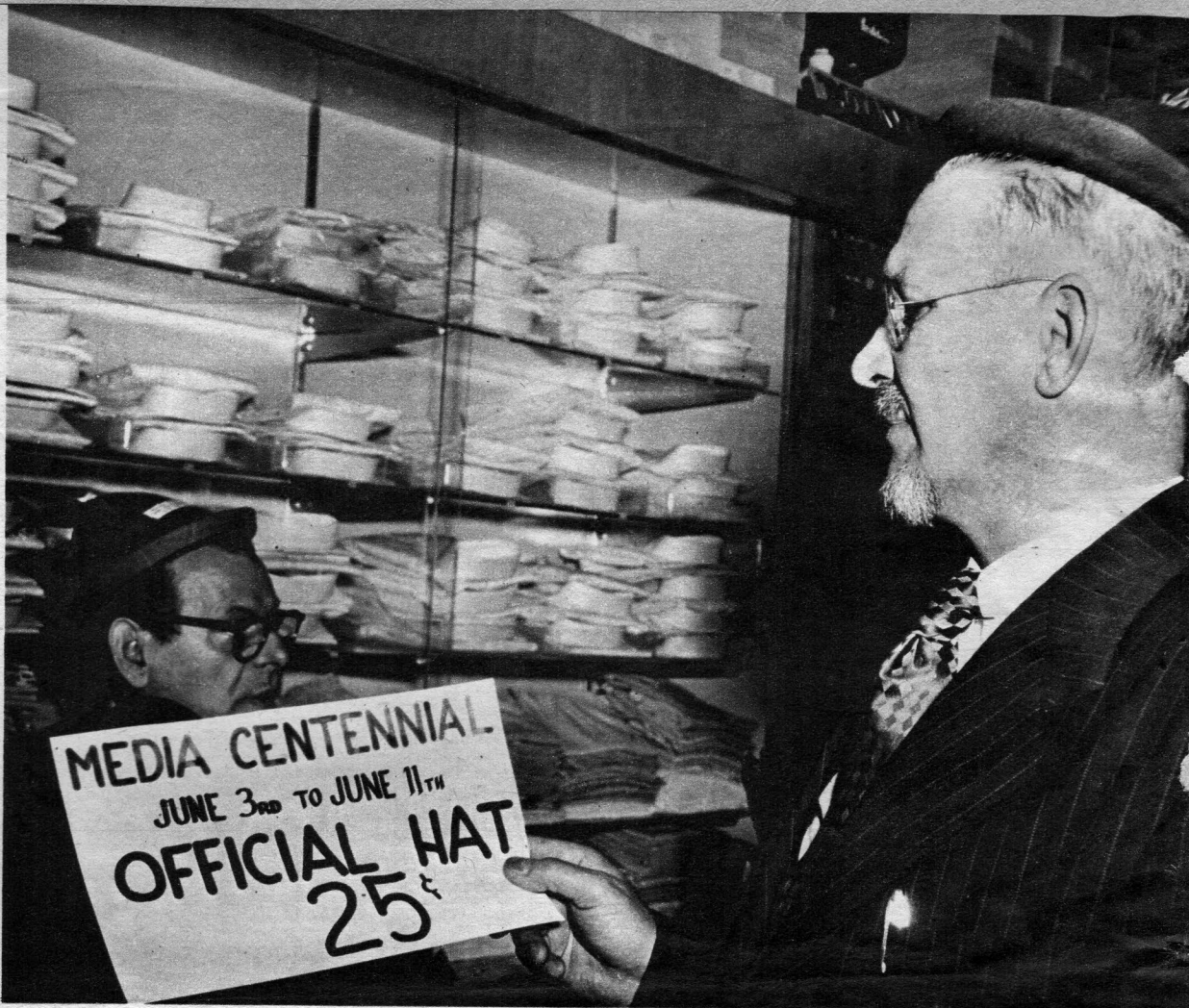
# Media's 100th Birthday







Patty Highfield reigns over Media's centennial.



Bearded for the centennial, Burgess J. Fred Schultz buys an official hat from "Papa" Gross.



Media pupils recall days of 1875 when President McKinley's future wife attended Brooke Hall.

THE borough of Media, Delaware county seat, is celebrating its 100th birthday, June 3-10, with historical pageantry, parades, balls and fireworks. With Burgess J. Fred Schultz as instigator and chairman, 26 committees started preparations two years ago. They've used mostly home talent. Visibly foreshadowing the event is an outbreak of beards. Centennial edict: Every adult male must grow a beard or face ducking, unless he buys a beardless permit for \$1.

Back in 1848 when the man without a beard was a rarity, the county seat was moved from Chester to what was known as Providence township. Because as a county seat, it was not only a center but centrally located, Min-

shall Painter substituted for Providence the name "Media" in the Act of Incorporation approved by the State Assembly in 1850. At that time a dozen dwellings made up the town whose 200 population was mostly poor-farm inmates. Today it numbers more than 6000 and has nearly 1600 dwellings.

All of Media, three-quarters of a square mile, would fit into the 700-acre grant the original settlers, Peter and William Taylor, bought for less than \$75 from William Penn.

"To keep things historically straight" Hugh Bonner, Burgess Schultz's co-chairman, explains, "Media got its charter on March 10. We postponed the celebration until June's more clement weather."

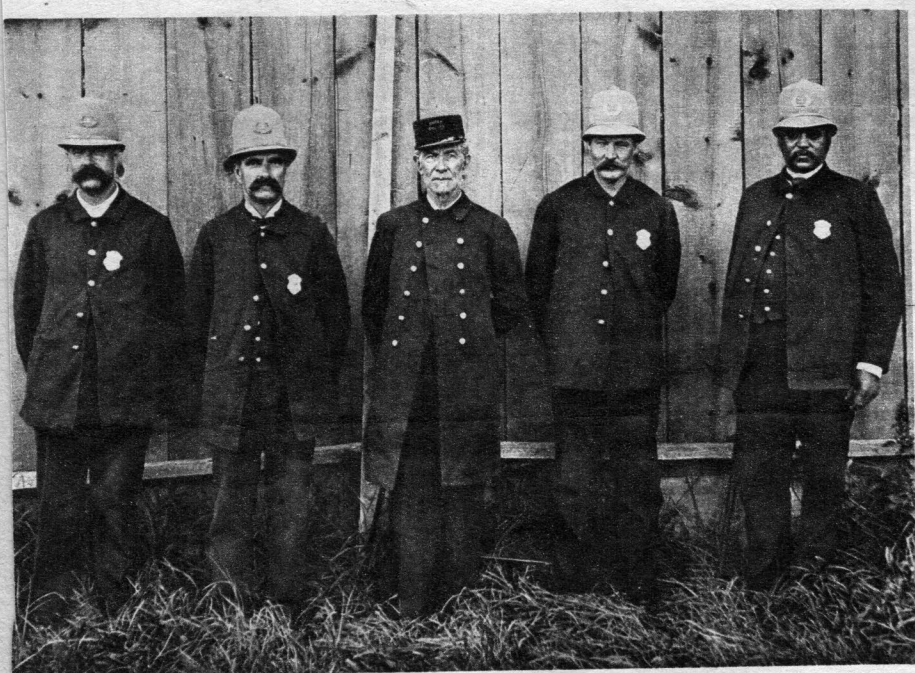


Responding to the spirit of the centennial, the men in Snowden's hardware store raise a fine crop of beards and don top hats to wait on their customers.





In 1900, the Fire & Hook & Ladder Co. moved into its new home—today, still volunteer, its equipment and fire escape show time's change.



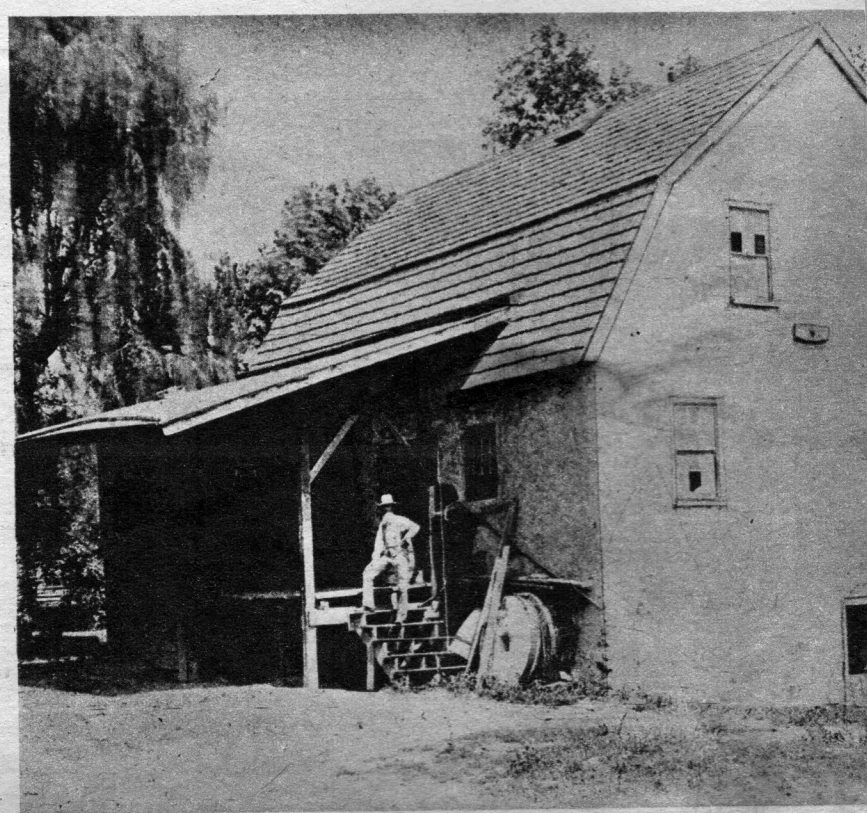
Just before the turn of the century the police force looked like this.



In the early 1900's the first trolley car over the Media-Chester line carried the U. S. mail, where No. 77 bus is now operated.



Ragging party for Lucretia Mott, who visited Media around 1848, is part of Business and Professional Women's Club pageant.



Media's second water works, on present-day site, was built about ten years after the first one located on Broomall's Run in 1855.



# OUR TOWN IS 100 YEARS OLD

The Centennial observance begins Saturday.

It comes only once in a hundred years. We are fortunate to be around.

A military parade starts things off and for seven days and nights the calendar is complete with parades and pageants and speeches. COMMENT publishes the program as a guide to Medians.

Don't miss a single event.

## MEDIA CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

### MILITARY & VETERANS DAY Saturday, June 3, 1950

- J. J. Skelly, Chairman  
2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Military Parade  
4:00 to 5:00 P.M. Dedication of WW-2 Memorial. N. E. Corner of State and Monroe Streets.  
4:00 to 5:00 P.M. Chemical Warfare Demonstration Media Aviation Field, Baltimore Pike, 1 mile East of Media.  
7:30 to 8:00 P.M. Coronation of MISS GREATER MEDIA, Athletic Field, M.H.S.  
8:15 to 10:15 P.M. Drum & Bugle Corps—Contest. Athletic Field, M.H.S.  
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Industrial Exhibit at Armory

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1950

#### Morning

Rev. William H. Michaels, Chairman

Services in the various Borough Churches at the usual hour of morning worship, with special sermon reference to the Borough Centennial.

#### Afternoon

### 21st ANNUAL REUNION

Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Association and Ladies' Auxiliary.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 o'clock

Delaware County Court House, South Plaza.

Evening, 7:00 o'clock

Service at Glen Providence.

Speaker: Dr. Francis Harvey Green

Musical Features:

### COUNTY DAY PROGRAM

June 5, 1950

Chairman—Frank A. Snear

- 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Bus Tours.  
11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Conducted Tours.  
2:15 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Fancy Riding, State Police Performance, Trained Dog Acts at Athletic Field.  
7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. United States Air Force Band, Providence Park.  
7:00 P.M. to 7:30 p.m. Elks escort. J. Finley Wilson.  
7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. State Police escort. Governor James A. Duff.  
7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Band Concert, United States Air Force Band.  
8:30 P.M. to 9:15 P.M. Address, Governor Duff.  
9:15 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Glen Providence Park—Fireworks Display

### YOUTH DAY

Schedule for June 6th

M. James Parsons, Rev. George W. Shay, Chairmen.

Art Exhibit

Music of Periods 1850-1950

Pageantry—in school 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Costume Ball—8:30 to 11:30 Glen Providence Park.

### CIVIC DAY

### MUSICAL FESTIVAL

June 7, 1950

Walter M. Strine, Chairman

- 1:15 P.M. Arrival of Glen Mills School Cadet Units.  
2:00 P.M. Neighboring High School Bands and Glen Mills Cadet Units parade to Athletic Field.  
2:30 P.M. Display Parade, High School Band Units.  
6:45 P.M. Display Parade.  
7:00 P.M. Twilight Parade formation.  
9:00 P.M. Entertainment, Glen Providence Park.

### WOMEN'S DAY

Thursday, June 8, 1950

Mrs. Walter P. Bodine, Chairman

IV Baseball game 6:30 p. m. —7 innings.

V Costume Ball — 8:30 to 11:30 Glen Providence Park.

10-12 A.M.—Historical Pilgrimage.

12-1 P.M.—Luncheon Methodist Church.

1-2 P.M.—Red Cross Exhibit of the Eighteen Volunteer Services. Front and Jackson Sts.

7-8 P.M.—Parade, Floats and Costume

9 P.M.—"Media Through the Years"—sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media—Glen Providence Park.

Miss Nan L. Dutton, guest of honor.



HUGH BONNER  
Program Chairman

### BOROUGH DAY

Charles Newell, Chairman

1:00 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.—Sight seeing trip of Media.

3:00 P. M. Reception of former Medians.

6:30 P. M. Dinner at Woman's Club for former Students of Media High School.

8:00 P. M. Grand parade of Fraternal Orders.

8:45 P. M. Display of all Lu Lu Temple's Uniformed Units Drill by Lu Lu Temple Patrol—High School Field.

Glee Club—Chorus.

### FIREMEN'S DAY—JUNE 10

Joseph Abernathy, Chairman

Parade—2:30 P. M.

Firemen's Ball, Media Armory—8:00 P. M.

100 Companies Invited, including their auxiliaries.

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## Geneology Real Interest of Edward Streeper

Edward Vincent Streeper 2d, secretary of the Media Centennial Committee and one of the four members of the Media Historical Commission, has many interests but the center of them all is geneology, which now covers the broader field of history.

Streeper's father's family were of German descent and settled in this country in 1682. His mother's people were of English and Welsh stock and settled here around 1742.

Edward Streeper sr. was a veteran of the Civil War. He was a station master in Lansdowne when his son, Edward, was born July 19, 1876. The boy attended Philadelphia public schools, graduated from grammar school and attended Central High School for a few days, leaving his formal education then to go to work.

In 1884 his father worked at League Island. He was a foreman of yards and docks in charge of construction of the original sea wall along the Delaware River at League Island and the erection of a concrete dry dock there.

Lt. Perry, who later became Admiral Perry, came there as an engineer. He needed printers and Edward worked for him after school at first and later full time. He was printer's apprentice there and stayed on the job till Perry went to the north pole. Then he had numerous jobs in many places. He worked for Pennsylvania Railroad, and took up telegraphy. He worked for an importing firm, for the Morton Chronicle (was a printer's devil there), was a bookbinder, had a job as a compositor and proof reader.

In 1896 he took a position in the bureau of geological survey with the Department of Interior and was stationed in the western part of the United States. In 1899, ill and typhoid, he returned home. When he recovered he had a job in a post-office, general store combination at Newtown Square. He was assistant postmaster at one time. Then he joined the Delaware County Record and later worked for the Morton Chronicle again.

### Married in 1903

March 23, 1903, Streeper married Margaret Smithson Fields whose father at that time was warden of Delaware County Prison. They have one daughter, Edwena Wallace Streeper, who is employed at First National Bank in Media.

After his marriage, Streeper worked for a printer, had a couple more jobs, then went to work for Globe Ticket Co. in Philadelphia, where he worked for 21 years till his retirement.

Born in Delaware County he had lived in the county often till he settled in Media in 1908. He has been interested in the history of Delaware County and Media. His house is full of data pertaining to events, institutions and people of historical interest.

Streeper is a life member of the Delaware County Institute of Science, was secretary from 1930 to 1942. He is a member of Lenni Heights, Media and Morton fire companies. He has membership in the Archeological Society of the State of Delaware, in the Society of Archeology of Pennsylvania, and in Chester and Delaware Counties' historical societies (is a director of the latter). At one time he served as a councilman in Morton.

Since 1892 his interest widened to history in general, for again he feels that the background that leads up to present events is important.

Besides geneology and history,

Streeper had been interested in botany, chemistry, geology, minerology and ornithology. For a short time, years ago, he was interested in astronomy, but drifted away from it.

At the beginning of his business life, Streeper was interested in printing. To him it was the one tangible way of passing history on to the next generation. In ancient times we had stones. They were too heavy, too cumbersome. Printing made knowledge available to more people. His interest in newspaper work is understandable too, for this is the medium of recording events that in the future are history.

His good memory of events and his enthusiasm for his subject make him willing to help anyone who shows an interest in any historical event, institution or personality. Edward V. Streeper 2d. has been of invaluable help to people in preparation for the Media Centennial.

## Centennial Secretary and Historian



EDWARD VINCENT STREEPER, JR., town historian, brings the lives of Media ancestors into the limelight during the Centennial beginning this week. Streeper, who has been an active historian all his life, has resided in Delaware County most of his life. He is Secretary of the Executive Committee, Media Centennial.



## Crosby L. Smith Is Devoted to All Things Media

Crosby L. Smith's motto has always been that if you can't say anything good about a person then don't say anything at all.

Born in Lower Merion, the youngest of four children of American-born parentage of several generations, Crosby attended the public schools. The Smiths moved to Media in 1908.

He served in World War I. While in France he met an ensign in the navy. His ship carried TNT from Philadelphia to France. Crosby bought some presents for his family and fiancée and the ensign delivered them, had dinner with them in Media and then saw Crosby in Europe again giving him a good report. The world seemed a small place even then!

In 1919 Smith married Corita E. Lynch of Media. Mrs. Smith is an active person. She belongs to the Women's Club in Media and is an untiring worker in her church. She is the fourth generation of her family to belong to the Methodist Church in Media. She is an enthusiastic chairman of the American Red Cross Canteen committee. For 12 years Mrs. Smith has been in charge of preparation of food for about 600 women, members of the Women's Society of Christian Service, when they meet in one of the larger Philadelphia churches.

### Have One Daughter

The Smiths have one daughter, Marjorie Anne, who is now Mrs. John K. Wood Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Wood and their two children live in Media.

It is hard to list the organizations and activities of Smith, who is public relations chairman of the centennial.

He is a former Burgess of Media and is now beginning his third term as tax collector. He has been practically in every civic organization in the town. He is the treasurer of the Rotary Club, director of the Business Men's Association, chaplain of the American Legion post, and secretary of the Delaware County Tax Collectors Association. He is on the board of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. He is an honorary member of the B. F. Howard Lodge in Media, and serves on the official board of the Methodist Church.

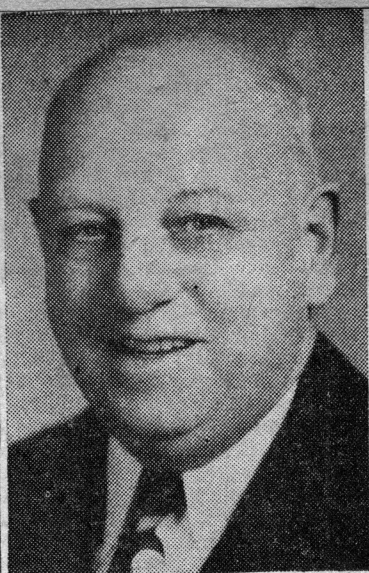
Smith breaks ground for new buildings, makes awards and dedicates buildings. He dedicated among other things the Synagogue in the borough and as a member of Media Fire Co., dedicated the first siren of the organization and just very recently did the same for the latest one. Many citizens have seen Crosby Smith in minstrels and performing as master of ceremonies. He once played Santa Claus at St. Vincent's Home in Lansdowne. Mrs. Smith dressed about 40 dolls for children there who had no parents or relatives.

Veterans of the last war and their families remember him for being on hand at the Media railroad station when the drafted men were leaving for camp. For that and for his many other activities he has received the Distinguished Citizen award from Media Junior Chamber of Commerce and that of outstanding citizen from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Media in 1947.

We first heard of him about 25 years ago when the borough was having a celebration.

Crosby Smith spoke every night that week.

The Spanish American Veterans had a conclave here then and he was the speaker at their dinner, too. Now, the organization is coming



CROSBY L. SMITH  
Devoted to Media

here June 3 and 4 and they have asked him to speak again.

Smith is a large man. His gray eyes are kindly. He likes to joke and has an unlimited supply of them. He likes people. Speaking comes easy to him. He has a good speaking voice and an outgoing type of personality.

His great devotion to Media, his pride in the town, his desire to have it function as the best borough known anywhere, makes him willing to do the many things he is called upon to do. We are told that he has coined the phrase "Media is the number one town on the number one highway."

We have heard people say that they have never known him to lose his temper and many have told us that "Crosby Smith is a friend of all the people in Media." He and Mrs. Smith are motivated by a desire to do the kind of a thing for people that money can not do for them and the Smiths find the pay and their satisfaction in doing the work they like. They enjoy life and accept it as they find it. Crosby L. Smith's cheerfulness may be due to this kind of philosophy of life.

## Media's Oldest Man Recalls Many Interesting Incidents Occurring During His Time

What became of the bell that used to hang in the steeple of the old Media courthouse, the bell that rang out when President Lincoln made his appeals for volunteers?

The oldest man in Media, C. Frank Williamson, told Media Rotarians on Thursday he doesn't know. "Who does?" he asked at the meeting at Howard Johnson's.

Williamson, now in his 90th year, missed the incorporation of the borough he loves by a scant 11 years. "Let's meander along memory lane," he said, as he started his reminiscing.

"I very well remember the iron fence around the courthouse and the fine rare shrubs that were on the lawn, many of them brought from abroad. . . . Back of the courthouse was the jail, where it still stands. Sometimes we sang in the jail. Guess that was extra punishment for the prisoners," he chuckled.

### "Good Ice Cream, Too"

"I don't remember anybody saying anything about the old house back of the jail. Charlotte Hall lived there and she made ice cream. It was good ice cream, too."

"The baseball field was there, too," continued the speaker. "In those days there were no gloves and no masks. Media had good teams. The old Athletics played the Media team in 1865. Of course I was too young to remember. Do you know the score? It was 117 to 9. The Athletics scored 55 runs in one inning. (Ed. note: Too bad the old Medians aren't in the American League). When a ball was lost, the game halted until it was found."

### Media Band Was Good

"I remember the Media band, and it was good, too. Charlie Pedrick was the leader. And Shortlidge Academy, where I went for one year. Shortlidge was a short stocky man and he would knock the students down if they misbehaved. Of course no one does that today."

"The streets, they were so different. When we had a hard storm we had to cross State st. on the big

stones. And the cops. We had two. One got drunk one night and a Philadelphia newspaper said 'half of the Media police force was drunk.'"

Coming down to more recent years, Williamson recalled he suggested to the Media Business Men's Association (he was president then) that it would be fine if the around-the-world flyers would pass over Media. "They all laughed at me, but I went to Washington and sure enough they did fly over Media."

### Recalls Cigar Store

Dipping again into the past, the veteran Median recalled the cigar store on State st., fronted by a wooden Indian, "where the men gathered at nights and talked things over." He recalled Samuel Dutton, "a fine old man, who took the longest steps of any one in Media . . . and Wesley Brodhead who had the livery at Orange and State. He used a cud big enough to choke a horse. . . . David Hardcastle laid bricks. You are walking over some that he laid in our pavements."

Williamson read a bit of verse rapping the man "who always complains, who never builds things up, but always tears them down; when there are things to do, he sits back and let's others do them."

"There's the joke about the man asked if he had lived in a certain town all his life and his answer, 'not yet.' I've lived here a long time, but not all my life yet," Williamson concluded.

### Experiences Abroad

'Squire Fred T. Cooper, in his 86th year, and runnerup for the title of oldest Median born in the town, told of two experiences abroad.

"I suppose there are about a hundred ways to start a speech, but I can't think of a single one," he started.

"In 1888, on a boat going down the Rhine from Cologne, I had trouble lighting a cigarette. A man came from the rail and lit my cigarette. Asking where I came from, I told him, 'a little town called Media.' He asked if I knew 'Squire Collins and I said I did. It turned out he had married Maude, the 'squire's daughter, that she had just died. He lived in San Francisco."

"The next year, when Governor James A. Beaver had sent me to the Paris exposition, I was on the Eiffel Tower, when a stranger asked if I was named Cooper. It was, I replied, and he asked if I was Tom Cooper's son. Which of course I was. 'I'm from Pittsburgh,' he said, 'but you look so much like your father, I was sure I knew who you were.'"

### A Small World

"Which proves the saying, 'it's a small world.'"

Ten of the Williamson School students who made the Rotary float seen in Wednesday night's parade were guests at the luncheon. They were Casimir Malinski, Philadelphia; Raymond McConnell, Bridgeport, Pa.; Albert C. Horvath, Ambler, Pa.; Aurelio Napa, Altoona, Pa.; Jack Sellers, West Chester; Allen Christman, Kunkeltown, Pa.; Walter A. Sydnor Jr., Garden City; Clarence C. Townley, Monterey, Calif., and Charles McLaw Jr., Philadelphia.

Rotarian visitors were Karl W. Johnson, Upper Darby; Hamilton Gibson, Orlando, Fla., and Roy H. Adams, Pleasant Gap, Pa. Another guest was Arthur S. Johnson, Williamson School. George Lewis Jr., was the Media High School student guest.

## QUEEN OF MEDIA . . .



MISS NAN DUTTON



# Merchants Display Antiques In State Street Windows

Nearly All Businessmen Join in Showing Visitors Old Pieces of the Centennial

State Street merchants are preparing to show visitors to the Centennial what Media has been like during the past 100 years with special window displays.

Beginning at the west end of the street and going east, the center of Hibberd's real estate window is a fan-shaped dish surrounded by various other china and glass candlesticks, shoes, glasses, pitchers, etc., all dated in the 1800s.

Bossard and Bower's candy store window is arrayed with sets of antique dishes, mugs, pitchers, vases, etc. In the center, there is an Alladin-like lamp and below it is a spoon with a boar's head protruding from the handle. All this is set on a colored tablecloth.

Helen Tryens Dry Goods Store features two copies of the Philadelphia Inquirer dated around the time of Abraham Lincoln's death, a chest of drawers, tea set, cloth and old buttons.

Henry's Barber Shop window shows a copy of "Leslie's Official History of the Spanish American War." Below it is a knife made and used in the Phillipine Islands during the Spanish American War. There is also an arm-band of the U.S.A. Transport Grant, which was captained by Jesse M. Baker, of Media.

Opposite the Spanish American War exhibit, are infant dresses, slip and coat, worn in the early 1900s.

Robert's Jewelry Store features a set of antique dishes.

In the center of Donaldson's Dress Shop window, is a mannequin arrayed in a black 1850-period dress holding a black-lace veil. She is flanked by two other models dressed in frills and lace of the 1800s. There are several pieces of antique furniture, traveling bag and purses.

Snowden's window shows a copy of the Morning Republican, published in Chester and dated 1900. It carried the story of Media's Semi-Centennial celebration on the front page. Behind the paper are examples of period furniture that depict an actual room in the mansion house at Tyler Arboretum.

## Tea Kettles

The State Grille Restaurant has antique tea kettles, of pewter and China, with various decorations, including a dragon encircling the spout. Main attraction in the restaurant's other window is a nursing bottle used in 1826. There is also a drawing showing the entrance to Bowling Green in 1850, antique dishes, spoons, plates, etc.

Dolls dressed in period clothing are seen in the window of Murray's Drug Store, with 110-year-old chest and cloth. In the other window is a diploma awarded to Dr. Berry S. Anderson in 1846. Below the diploma is a book of medicine published in 1825 and medical equipment of 1850.

A seated doll, decked in a black 1850-vintage dress, and reading an antique Bible is featured in White's Hardware store. Beside her, is a doll dressed in a period nightgown and seated on the edge of an antique bed. White also displays a newspaper clipping, dated before the First World War, telling of "Media Minstrels to Perform." The minstrels are Edna Hardcastle, now Mrs. R. Deane White; Bessie Allen, Margaret Steele, Margaret Burke, Mrs. Edward Stiteler and Emma S. Stiteler.

## Beer Mugs

Eight gaily decorated beer mugs are featured in Larry's Tavern display.

Antique spectacles from the collection of John McAllister, of Philadelphia, are exhibited in the window of Dr. P. C. Pike. Pike has featured sun glasses of odd shapes, sizes and colors, monocles, V-shaped glasses that fold into a case, solid-pane glasses with narrow slits for use in the Arctic areas where the sun reflecting from snow is blinding, and many other 1800-style specs.

Lottig Cleaners features a tea set made in England in 1830, antique books, Sheffield China dogs, console table, marble-top table, rocking chair, straight chair and a sampler dated 1816. In the other window, the cleaners have a model dressed in a period dress and at her feet is an old album of photographs.

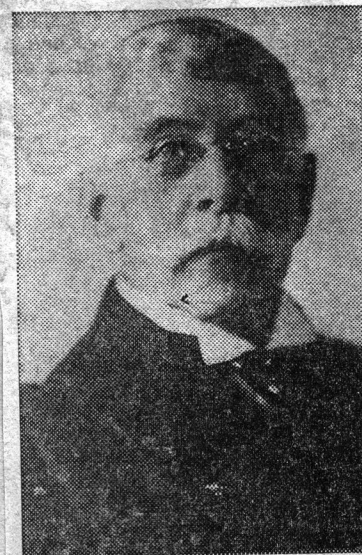
**Baseball Teams**  
The Media Fire Co. and the Pennsylvania Public Health Nursing Service are using Jefferis' Drug Store window for their displays. The fire company's exhibit shows two pictures of Media's baseball teams in 1865 and 1929, a firemen's uniform dated 1896, picture of the Memorial parade, 1918, and an oil lamp from a 1900 fire engine. An appropriate mural by Esther Bell,

Media artist, hangs in the rear.

The nurse service display shows a doll, dressed in period costume, lying in an antique bed attended by a doll dressed in an early nurse costume. Various pieces of antique furniture stands about, giving the impression of a bedroom.

Fish's Jewelry Store shows antique plates and other dinnerware dated as early as 1830. He exhibits a Joe Stubbs platter, 1830; Tucker China plate, 1865, and a sandshaker, used in place of blotters in early days. Fish also has a corsage holder, dated 1865 and worn by the ladies in formal-dress.

**Doll Collection**  
Dolls dressed in costumes from 1850 to 1950 are eye-catching attractions in Greene's Juvenile Shop. The dolls, collected by Mrs. F. C. Hamilton, Jr., are grouped in the center of the window and show the dress trends through the century. Scattered about are various pieces of antique doll furniture.



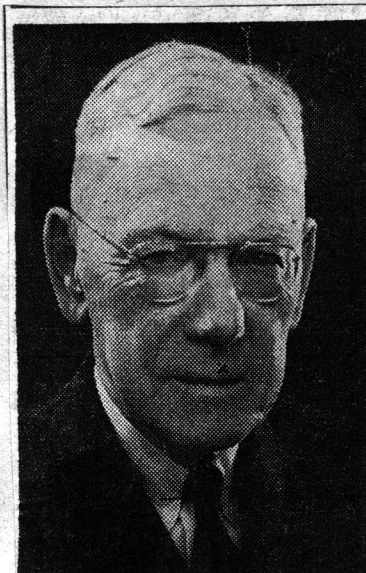
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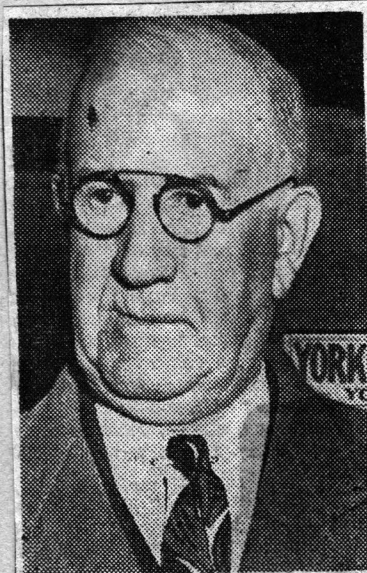
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Chairman Military Day



FRANK A. SNEAR  
Chairman County Day



M. JAMES PARSONS  
Chairman Youth Day



# Flags and Bunting Bedeck Media For Opening of Its Centennial

By ERNIE RAUM

Of The Bulletin Staff

Media—the quiet county seat—will lift the lid tomorrow on its whirlwind, weeklong centennial celebration.

Several thousand visitors and practically all of the town's 5,700 residents are expected to be on hand when a military parade inaugurates the 100th anniversary festivities.

Flags and buntings decorate streets and buildings throughout the community today in readiness for the program which has taken 18 months to prepare. Scores of old-time residents and others have already taken up residence in the county seat to take part in the program.

## Forty Police Added

More than 40 policemen from neighboring communities will be brought in to augment the Media force during the celebration.

Military reserve units, veteran organizations and Army and Navy detachments from Ft. Meade and the Philadelphia Naval Base will participate in the parade which is scheduled to get underway at 2 P. M.

The opening day's events, under the chairmanship of J. J. Skelly, will also feature the dedication of a World War II memorial at State and Monroe sts. at 4 P. M., a chemical warfare demonstration at the Media Aviation Field between 4 and 5, coronation of 18-year-old Pat Highfield as Miss Greater Media at 7.30 and a drum and bugle corps contest at 8.15. The latter two events will be held on the high school athletic field.

## Well Planned Program

A similar rapid-moving program has been scheduled for the remaining days and nights by the general centennial committee headed by Burgess J. Fred Schultz.

Sunday's program, under the general chairmanship of the Rev. William H. Michaels, will feature centennial services in all borough churches followed by a community memorial service at 2 P. M. on the south plaza of the Court House.

Another special community service will be held in the evening in Glen Providence Park. The Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Association and its auxiliary will hold their 21st annual reunion during the day in conjunction with the centennial program.

## Governor Will Speak

Governor Duff will extend the State's greetings to the 100-year-old borough on Monday, which has been designated as "County Day."

The day's events, under the general chairmanship of Frank A. Snear, will begin with special bus tours to county institutions. In the afternoon the famed State Police rodeo will be staged along with trained dog acts on the high school athletic field.

Governor Duff will speak along with other state and county officials at a program following a concert by the U. S. Air Force Band at 7.30 P. M. in Glen Providence Park.

A fireworks display lasting more than an hour in the park will conclude the day's events.

## Special School Programs

Tuesday has been designated as "Youth Day" with special exhibits and programs in the borough's schools. A pageant will be staged at 1 P. M. in Glen Providence Park.

The evening activities will com-



Media High School students decorate windows of vacant store with scenes of old Media to add color for the celebration which opens tomorrow. They are (from left) Nancy McMillin and Barbara Lavery, Francis Springer and Ralph Murray

meñce with a baseball game between an old-timer and present day teams. A costume ball will follow in the park.

Glen Mills, Nether Providence, Sharon Hill and Media High school bands will participate in a special band program on Wednesday afternoon. The day designated as "Civic Day"—is under the chairmanship of Walter M. Strine.

Ridley Township High School Band will stage a display parade at the school athletic field at 6.45 to begin the evening events which will include a twilight parade to Glen Providence Park for a music festival. Seven musical organizations will participate in the latter event.

Thursday will be "Women's Day" with a historical pilgrimage beginning events at 10 A. M.

A luncheon and several special exhibits will be held in the afternoon followed by a "Promenade of Yesteryear," a parade featuring residents in old costumes at 7 P. M.

A production, "Media Through the Years," staged by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media will be held at 9 P. M. in Glen Providence Park. Mrs. Walter P. Bodine is chairman of the day's events.

## Tours Set for Friday

"Borough Day" will be marked on Friday with sight seeing tours of the borough and the Tyler Arboretum, Lima. Motion pictures

will be shown at an open house program in borough hall.

A reception for former Media residents will be held at the hall at 3 P. M., while a dinner for former students of Media High School will be held at the Woman's Club at 6.30 P. M.

Evening events will feature a parade of fraternal organizations beginning at 8 P. M. followed by a display of Lu Lu Temple uniformed units on the high school field.

The winners of three contests, sponsored in conjunction with the centennial, will be announced the same evening. Awards will be presented for beards, best decorated house and the former resident traveling the greatest distance to attend the centennial.

## Fire Units Will Parade

"Firemen's Day" will be celebrated on Saturday, concluding day of the festivities, when nearly 100 fire companies and their auxiliaries parade beginning at 2.30 P. M.

The 44th annual convention of the Delaware County Firemen's Association will be held the preceding night in the American Legion Home.

An aerial review, comprising 40 planes of the Delaware County Flying Club, will be staged in the Media skies following the firemen's parade.

The concluding event of the celebration will be a firemen's ball in the Armory at 8 P. M. Joseph Abernathy is chairman of the final day's program.



GONE WITH THE WIND—Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara visited the Media Centennial Costume Ball Tuesday night in the persons of A. Fred and Elizabeth Manno. The Ball was held in the high school gymnasium and attended by scores of costumed couples. Manno, chairman of the beard committee of Media Lions Club, has been carefully raising his Rhett Butler type whiskers for many weeks.

Times Staff Photo



# Many Media Citizens Have Helped Write Its History

Scores of citizens of Media, citizens who have made their mark on the community, some who are still serving their fellows, merit some mention in a historical section. But only a few have been singled out, with the earnest hope that others will realize that time and space will not permit biographical sketches.

There's the man whose business has served Media for 62 years. He is Maurice E. Michener, who came from Chester to Media 62 years ago, to engage in the coal and ice business. Two years ago the Media Business Men's Association, with a group of his Quaker friends, paid special tribute to the man who daily goes to his office and still feels that "there is too much idle time these days."

Michener's brother-in-law was William Taylor, son of Caleb M. Taylor, of Edgemont, where he was born in 1875. He was one of the leading county seat lawyers, from 1903 on, and served two terms as district attorney. He was the father of William Taylor jr., Delaware County's only blind attorney.

## The Darlington

Edward Darlington and his son, George Eyre, left their marks on the Delaware County bar. The elder, born in Chester County in 1795, became a lawyer in 1821. He served in congress from 1832 to 1835. He moved from Chester to the new county seat in 1851 and served as district attorney from 1851 to 1854.

The son, born in Chester in 1832, was admitted to the bar in June, 1856. He served three years as district attorney. He was a very active fox hunter, riding from the Rose Tree Hunt Club. On his 100th birthday, Aug. 20, 1932, Darlington was in court and the writ he handed up was received by U. S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, sitting on the bench in Media to honor the centenarian. Pneumonia claimed the old lawyer the following March.

## Former Dentist

Dr. Abram P. Smedley, who came to Media in 1852, practiced dentistry in Media for 43 years, turning his practice over to a son, Harry L., who served three years as burgess and three years as school director.

## Doctor and Druggist

Dr. William T. Dickeson, born in Woodbury, N. J., in 1828, was one of Media's early physicians. He served as surgeon in the Union army. He also conducted a pharmacy until 1889, when it was taken over by a son, William E. Dickeson. Another son, Dr. Morton P. Dickeson, took over his father's practice in 1906. He conducted a private sanitarium, treating alcoholics who came from many distant points, on Gayley st.

## Old Storekeeper, Banker

Isaac Haldeman was 52 when the borough was created. He served 18 years in council. The first president of First National Bank, he served until his death in 1878. He had a store and dwelling at State and Olive sts.

Charles D. Manley came from Chester in 1851. He was Media's first borough solicitor and its second burgess. He served two terms in council and one in the legislature.

Hugh Jones Brooke came to Me-

dia from Radnor in 1853, purchasing and developing considerable property in the new borough. He built Chestnut Grove House (now Colonial apartments), Brooke Seminary (now apartments) and a number of residences. He aided in the establishment of Elwyn Training School, just west of the borough.

Brooke was actively interested in many local concerns, including First National Bank, Delaware Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Media Gas Co. He also served in the legislature. Born in 1805, he died in 1876, and was buried in St. David's Churchyard.

## Another Centenarian

Proof of the longevity claims of Media residents was the life of John Benington, born in Yorkshire, England, July 21, 1800. After living in Chester County, Concord and Glen Mills, he came to Media in 1877. The Delaware County Record, on his 100th birthday, said that Benington's mind was "perfectly clear." He died, however, before reaching his 101st birthday.

## Members of 3 Old Families Active Today

Three families that figured prominently in Media's early history have descendants in the community today.

Lane A. Davis, well-known business man, past commander of the American Legion, is a great nephew of Sarah Briggs, who sold 48 acres of farm land to the county in 1849.

Frank Wiltshire, merchant and member of borough council, is a descendant of the William and Peter Taylor family who bought large acreage from Penn 250 years ago.

Harry Painter, employed at the White hardware store, who lives in Lenni, comes down from the family of Samuel Painter, for whom Painters Crossroads is named. He is of the ninth generation, a distant cousin of Jacob and Minshall Painter.

*Souvenir Program*

## COSTUME BALL

**YOUTH DAY**

*Media Centennial*

**JUNE 6, 1950 AT 8:30 P.M.**

*High School Gymnasium*

Music by  
**CLARENCE FURMAN**  
and his  
**ORCHESTRA**

*See cover only*



# MEDIA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED QUIETLY BY OFFICIALS

Hitch-up the belt, fellows, we're on the second hundred years now.

Media officially observed its Centennial Friday night at the Hotel Media (appropriate, eh?) with a dinner to members of Council, the School Board, their spouses and a few invited guests.

Media, as you know, came into existence through an Act of the State Legislature on March 10th, 1850. The big celebration is set for the week of June 3rd to 10th.

This official preface to the big show was opened by Burgess J. Fred Schultz and closed with the song (nobody seemed in voice) Happy Birthday to Media, the suggestion of Superintendent of Schools M. James Parsons. In between there was a delicious steak dinner—or lobster—and a few remarks by a few borough celebrities and officials.

## Burgess Schultz

Said Burgess Schultz: "It is some what unusual, but very appropriate, that in this official observance of the birth of Media, we should have meeting together members of council and the school directors, the two taxing bodies. I know of no previous combined meeting such as this. It was a happy idea."

He then asked Councilman Wiltshire, chairman of the councilmanic committee arranging the meeting to read a letter from Tax Collector Crosby L. Smith, the latter unable to attend because of a previous engagement at the Methodist Church.

Because of a cold, Burgess Schultz then turned the chairmanship over to G. D. Houtman, president of council.

Said President Houtman:

"I am somewhat overawed at the solemnity of this occasion and I shall conduct it with all the dignity at my command. In 1850 the residents of Media (all 12 of them) had to go to Rose Tree or Black Horse for any desired celebration. Among our guests tonight is the distinguished County Commissioner John Doherty. He was supposed to sit at the head table but he was late in arriving. However, no matter where he sits, the man in dinner jacket, is at the head table. Media, it is said, was the love child of the courts and the county commissioners. The Judges are in Chester standing in a line at a military ball. They couldn't be here. We were fortunate, however, in having Commissioner Doherty

accept our invitation. There was, I am told, a desire to move the county seat out to a place where the ozone was fresh. The county owned land where Media now stands and so Media was born.

"I introduce Commissioner Doherty."

## Doherty

Said Commissioner Doherty: "I am really the only non-resident at this observance. However, some two years ago I moved into Media as a county commissioner and have spent most of my waking time here ever since."

"You can be assured that the county will give you all possible assistance in your big celebration set for June. In fact, 'County Day,' we believe, will be outstanding. We will have the country's second best band, a State Police rodeo, prominent speakers and a fireworks display. We wonder what those who founded Media would say of the progress in this first hundred years—and we may only hope that at the end of the next century Media will still be governed by free people."

Dr. Mark Allam, President of the Media School Board, was asked to introduce members of the Board.

## Dr. Allam

Said Dr. Allam:

"It is a pleasure to be a part of this meeting. We all are interested in those things that are good for Media. I have been told that some Medians are complaining about the lights burning in the school secretary's office night after night. We are working—trying to earn our \$20,000.00 salaries as school directors."

He then introduced other directors and their wives, and Superintendent of Schools M. James Parsons and Mrs. Parsons.

## Houtman:

"Now we will review what has happened to the borough during the first 100 years. We have as our guest tonight a man whose hobby it has been for years to delve into the historical past. I refer to Mr. Joshua Streeper."

## Streeper

Mr. Streeper:

"I would rather do the writing than talk. When we go back to 1850 we find that what is now Media was owned by 3 brothers, Peter, William and Thomas Taylor. The descendant of this Taylor family (Frank Wiltshire) is with us tonight. There was

one independent tribe of Indians here in Media—or what is now called Media. They didn't bother anybody. Around 1702 they moved to a reservation along the West Chester pike near Milltown—the only reservation granted by William Penn to the Indians. Other Indians, traveling from other tribes, were the ones who did the damage in this area."

Mr. Streeper is writing the history of Media for the Centennial.

## Houtman:

"I am very happy to present to you now one who is closest, where tradition is concerned, to the founding of the borough. This man's father, shortly after 1850, was a member of council. Media was only about 10 years old when the speaker was born. I will present him to you. He may not desire to talk. Maybe he will."

## C. Frank Williamson

He then introduced C. Frank Williamson.

"This meeting tonight celebrates the founding of Media—100 years ago. I wasn't here at that time. If they'd put it off a few years, to 1861, I would have been around. My father had a shoe store at Front and Orange streets. If I began to talk about Media since I will have to say too much about myself. I remember the court house when it was just a small building. I remember the trees. I helped plant flowers there. One thing I recall is that at that time we had 2 policemen. A Philadelphia paper printed a story about half the police force of Media being charged with drunkenness. I remember men much older than I am. I recall how they walked. They used to meet in a cigar store on State street and talk about happenings of the time. I remember one of them telling a ridiculous story about fishing. Nobody believed the yarn. Tommy Williamson got up and then told about how his father had made him take 2 tons of blown bladders on a hay wagon to Chester and how much trouble he had getting through the woods. Of course, that was just a story. There is really no place like Media."

## Houtman:

"I have been told that Media is the oldest borough in the county. Maybe Mr. Streeper can answer that?"

Streeper: "Definitely, Media is the oldest borough in the county."

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## CENTENNIAL

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## Whiskey

Houtman: "There was anxiety about the sale of whiskey in the borough when it was founded. They constructed the Temperance Hotel, the Charter House, as a symbol of their victory to keep the town dry. I have been told, however, that there were some who sneaked a drink now and then within its portals. When it was first plotted, the borough line on the East was the center of Providence road. Then somebody thought a saloon might sprout up on the East side of Providence road and Medians would only have to walk across the street to get a drink. So the borough then extended the line 250 feet East of Providence road. At that time Media had an area of  $\frac{3}{4}$  square miles. It hasn't changed much. Only annexation has been a little plot of ground owned by Councilman Wiltshire's grandfather on Lincoln street. Too bad Media didn't annex some of the adjacent land at a time when this could have been done. Now annexation is almost impossible. Media is hemmed in. Surrounding townships, some of them, have a larger population than does Media."

"We have seen a course of expansion from Philadelphia westward. It has reached Media, is flowing around it to progress farther westwardly. I look forward, however, when Media because of this, will acquire greater importance as a business and cultural center serving these 1000s of people resident around it. It is interesting to try and project one's mind into the future—the next 100 years. I would like something done about arterial highway planning. Philadelphia's Penn had such a plan, but only for Philadelphia. It stopped at the city's limits. That has caused present traffic problems."

## Water

"Another thing is our water supply. We must do something to protect that for future generations. With the land along the creek's banks being developed, the time will come when this creek will not be sufficient. The rain water will drain off too quickly, instead of seeping into the earth and gradually feeding the creek. Council and I have been giving a lot of attention to this drainage area along the creek. It is the source of our raw water."

Streeper: "I have spent 40 years checking the water supply along Ridley Creek. I think Council should buy 25 or 50 feet on each bank as a protection."

## Wiltshire

Councilman Wiltshire: "Before I got into politics with Gus Houtman I had the impression that all politicians were whiskey drinkers and dreamers. I soon learned differently. There's a lot of work to being a politician. Have no fear that the borough and the country are run by whiskey drinking politicians. We have never had a bad government in Media or in Delaware County."

Burgess Schultz: "Before I became Burgess I had some apprehension about the way our tax money was spent. Now I am satisfied. This is applicable to the schools as well as borough council."

Those attended were: County Commissioner John H. Doherty and Mrs. Doherty, of Havertown; Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Leedom Y. Tuckerman, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strine, Charles Russell, of the Chester Times staff; Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Smedley, Mr. and Mrs. William West, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Allam, Burgess and Mrs. J. Fred Schultz, C. Frank Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Houtman, Mr. and Mrs. William Wahnus, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Mancill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiltshire, Mrs. Maude N. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gordy, Mr. and Mrs. M. James Parsons, Horace L. Way, Earl O. Babbit and Paul H. Clark.

## Media Celebrates Its 100th Birthday

Media marked its 100th birthday as a borough last night with a dinner at which members of the borough council, the school board and old residents reviewed its history.

A former township, Media was made a borough by a special act of the State Assembly, approved by Governor William Fraeme Johnston on March 10, 1850.

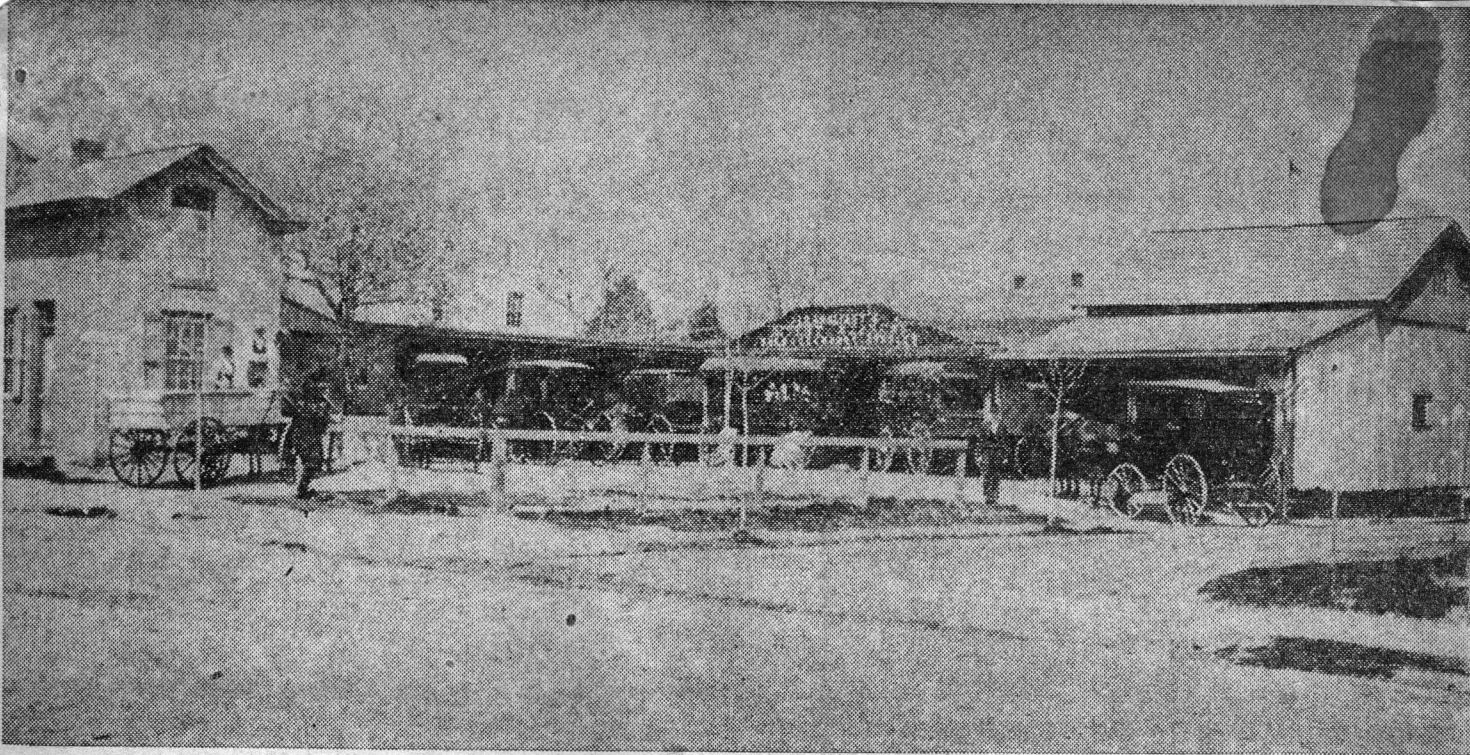
Burgess J. Fred Schultz was toastmaster at the dinner in the Hotel Media. C. Frank Williamson, 89, one of the oldest residents of the borough, gave a short history of the community, which is the seat of Delaware County.





Photo by Joseph Gessler  
A candid camera shot of some of the borough officials and guests who attended a dinner Friday night at the Hotel Media in observance of the 100th Anniversary of Media. From left to right: Councilman Ambrose and wife; Mrs. William West, Councilman William West; Mrs. Mark Allam, Mrs. J. Fred Schultz, Bur-  
litz, C. Frank Williamson and Dr. Mark Allam, president of the Media school board.





THE MEDIA POSTOFFICE stands on this site today, at State and Jackson sts. This livery stable, run originally by Isaac Chalfont, whose name appears on the sign, was one of several that flourished in the borough's early days.

# *'The Stables', Once Famous In Media, Now Site of PO*

In 1850, to accommodate lawyers and others who had to go between Chester and Media on business, Wes- sel Broadhead established a stage coach service between these two places and opened stables on the corner of Orange and State sts. The Masonic temple is located on these premises now. The Broadhead Stables later had horses for sale and developed quite a carriage trade.

Dr. Wessel Broadhead, the son of the owner, was a good veterinary and quite a character around the borough. Some citizens here still remember him wearing a gold chain across his vest and carrying a large wad of money at all times.

The Charter House also had sta- bles around 1850. At one time Harry Dubs used to work there.

When, on Armistice Day in 1918, the citizens of Media witnessed the dedication of the new postoffice at State and Jackson sts., many of them must have thought of the stables for a long time were located there.

Isaac Chalfont, the grandfather (on her mother's side) of Mrs. J. Fred Schultz, the wife of the bur- gess, built the stables on what then was the Way Homestead. Horses and teams were hired there. About 24 men were employed at the stables.

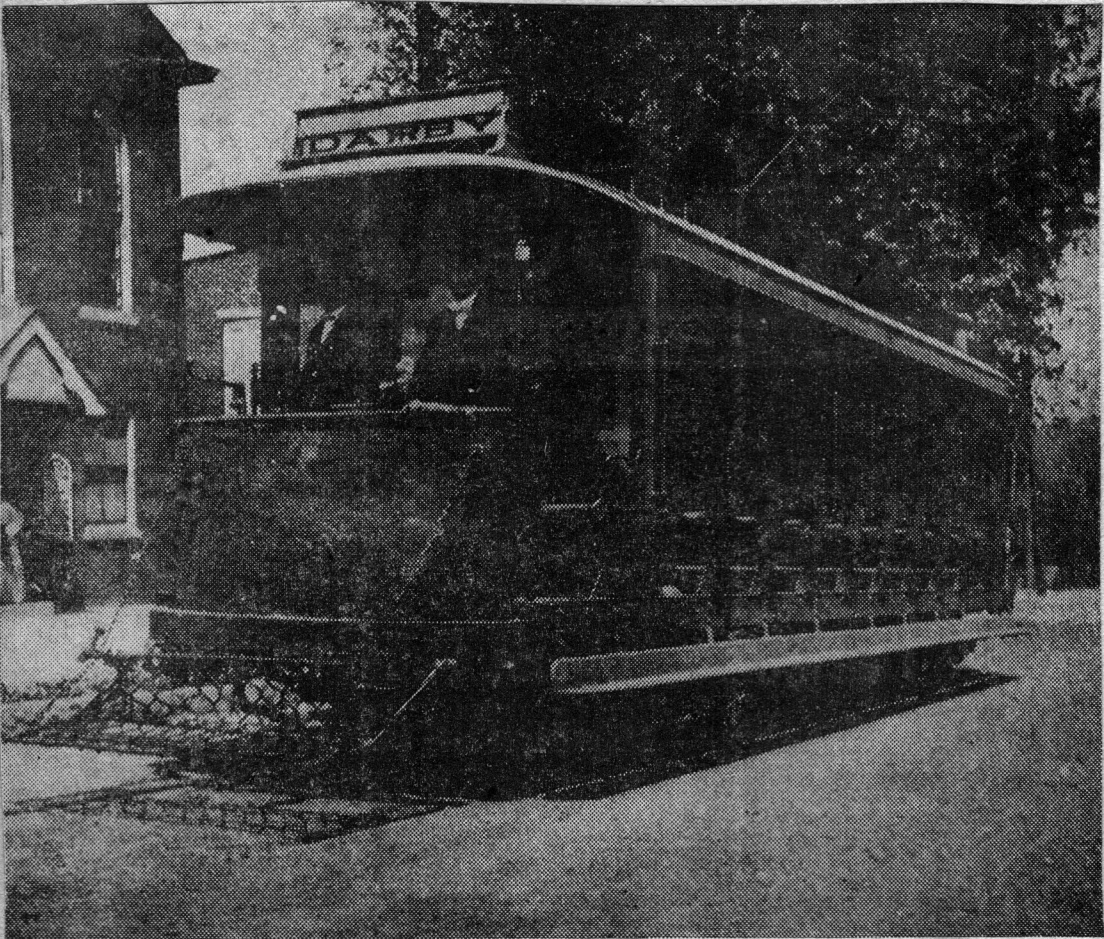
**He Couldn't Remember**

Isaac Chalfont was liked by the community, but it was his brother, Chalkley, who provided, by his great absentmindedness, much amusement to his family and neighbors. He was a well-established and well-liked painter. People say he was known to take his lunch to work only to forget the fact and show up in time for the meal at his home at Front and Plum sts. It is recalled he drove to church in Lima, attended services, returned home to miss his horse and buggy the next morning. He had left them at the sheds of the church yard the day before!

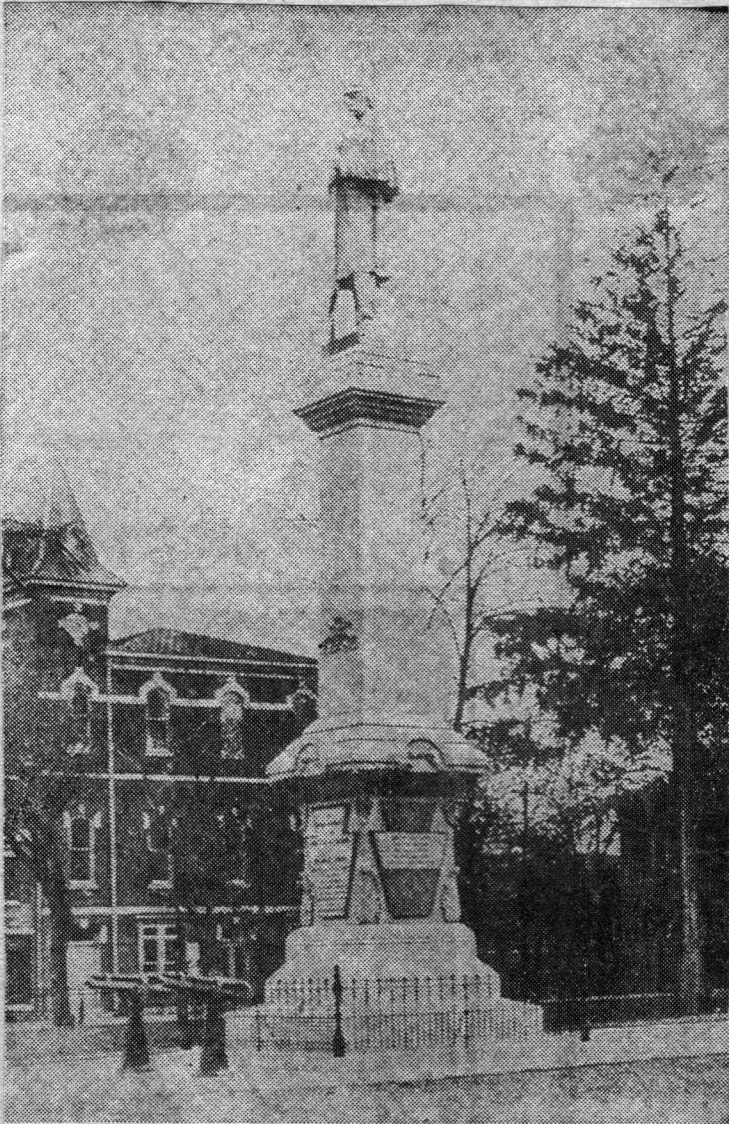
Isaac Chalfont sold his stables to Theodore Mullin, who furnished horses to the fire company for haul- ing the fire apparatus. Mullin sold the stables to J. D. Pierson, who used them as boarding stables and sold them to F. Edgar Pennington, who sold them to James Doak. George Baker bought the stables from Doak.

By then the automobile must have taken the horse business completely over as far as driving and hauling were concerned and the place was sold to the government for a new postoffice building, and the stables were demolished.

According to a faded receipt, Cooper & Vernon, publishers of the Delaware County American, re- ceived \$17 in May, 1855, from the state for publishing the mercantile appraisers list for four insertions.



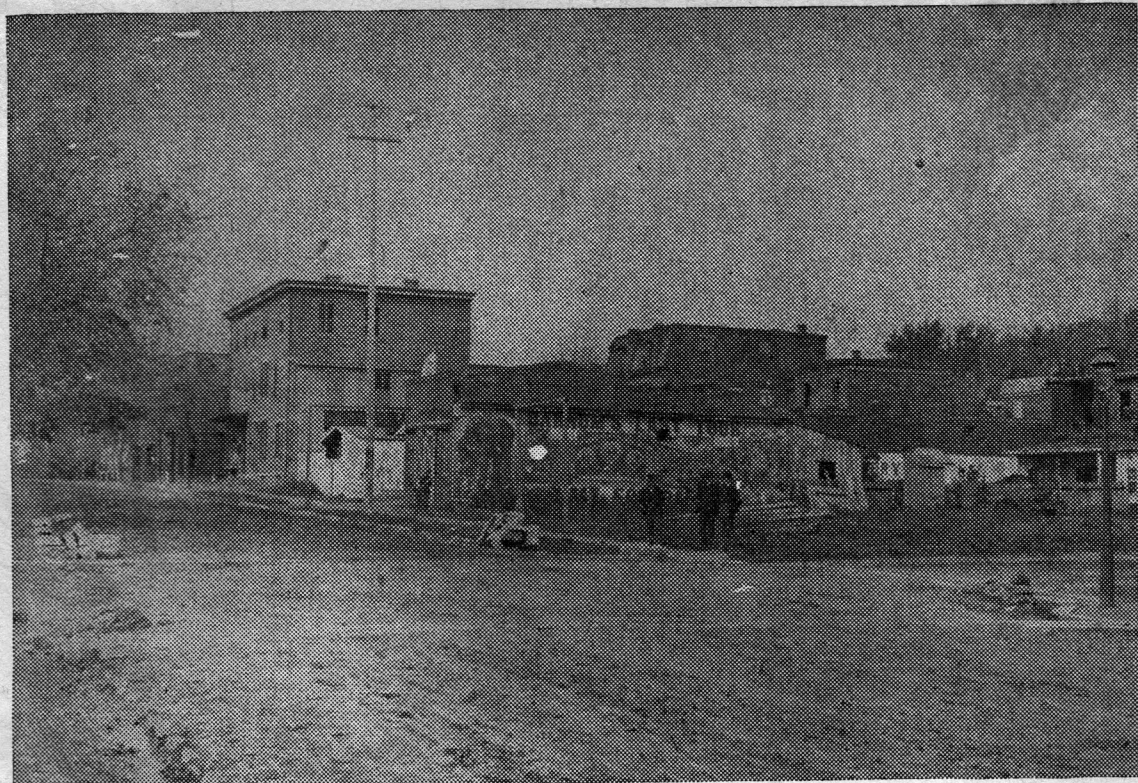
The last trolley car, headed for Darby from Media.



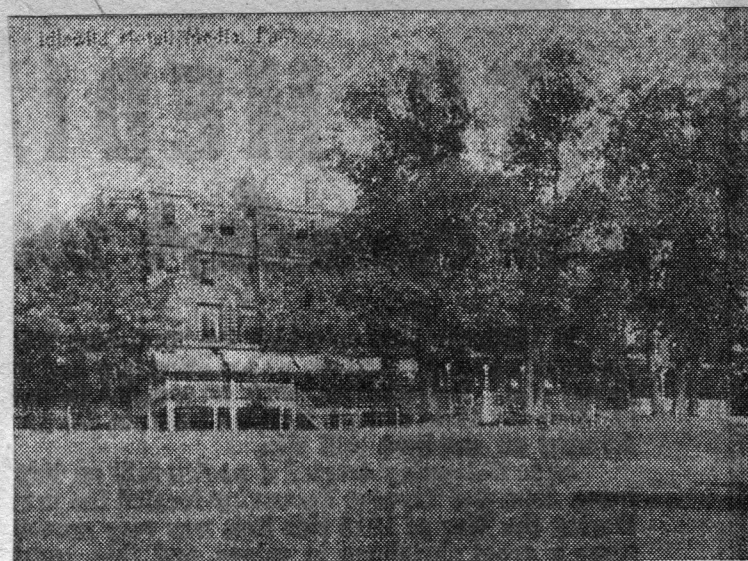
CIVIL WAR MONUMENT, east side of courthouse, before it was moved closer to Olive st. The background is the Front st. side of old Gleave Hall, remodeled into the County Building a quarter century ago.



# Baltimore Pike a Century Ago



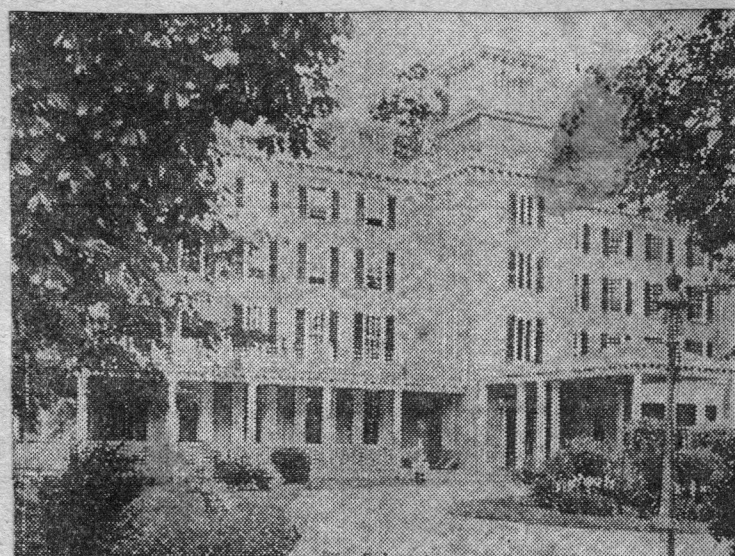
ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO this was the modern busy Route 1, known as Baltimore Pike. Then known as Washington St., this picture is the northwestern corner of Baltimore and South Aves., looking west in 1850.



IDLEWILD HOTEL, noted summer hotel, near Media, in '70's.



ENGLE'S BAKERY DELIVERY, with the late John Highfield (uncle of Patrolman Tom Highfield), taken in 1913. The horse's name was Dick.



COLONIAL, originally called "Chestnut Grove House," some 80 years ago; now known as Colonial Apartments, Orange st.



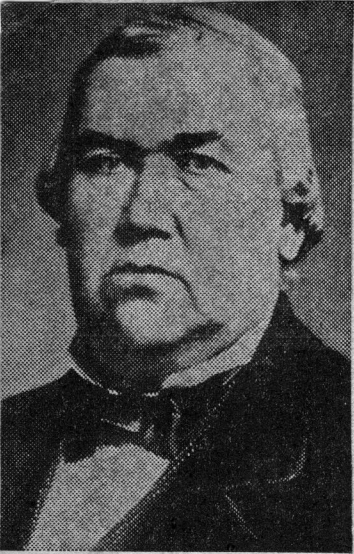
CHARLES L. FUSSALL  
Media Artist



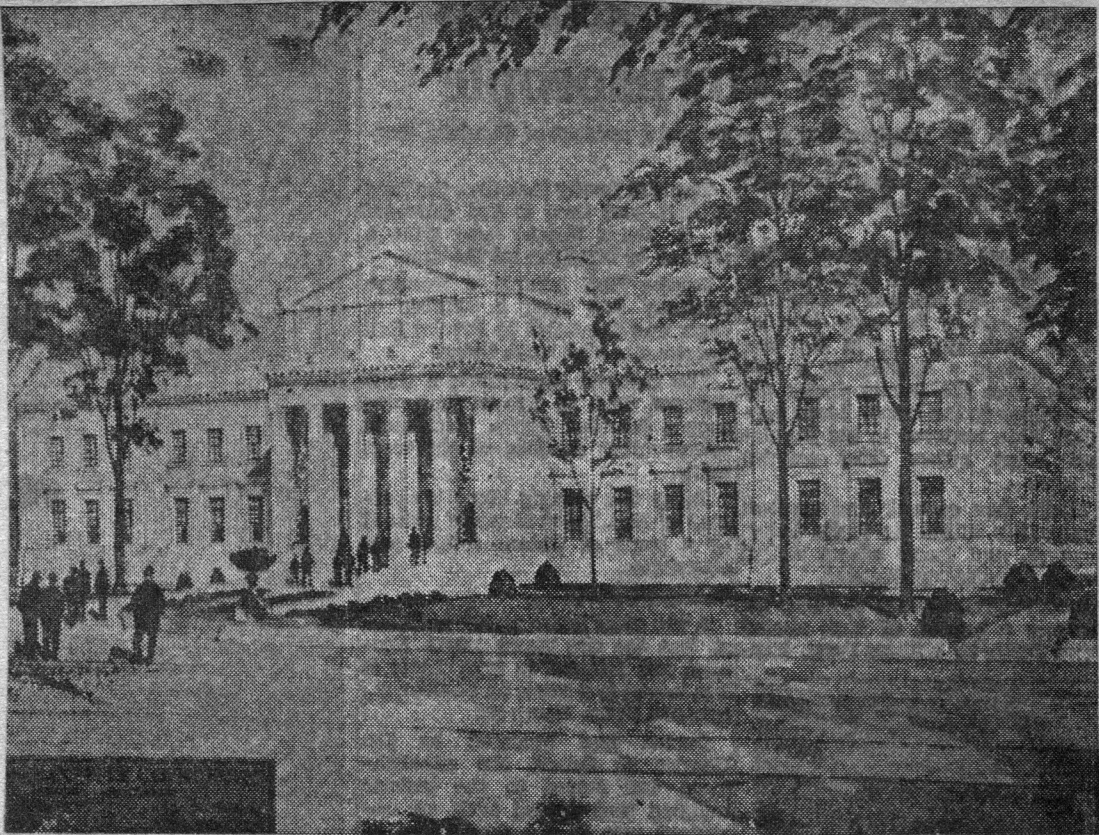
STATE ST. had no traffic problems 50 years ago. Scene looking east from South av., where the open trolley is standing. on its way up South av. to the courthouse.

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MINSHALL PAINTER named Media. The elder of two bachelor brothers of Middletown Township, born 149 years ago, was a man of culture and vision. He pushed the relocation of the county seat, and when the discussion arose on what name to give the town-to-be, it was Minshall's suggestion of Media that was accepted. The gathering took place in the Providence Inn at Providence Great Rd. and the Baltimore and Philadelphia turnpike. It was proposed originally to call the new seat of justice Providence, but "Media" was accepted. Painter with his younger brother Jacob were unusual Quakers who farmed extensively, and studied all branches of learning in their spare time on the estate. Today this area, forested with rare trees the brothers collected a 100 years ago, is open to the public as the John J. Tyler Arboretum, one of the county's chief tourist attractions.



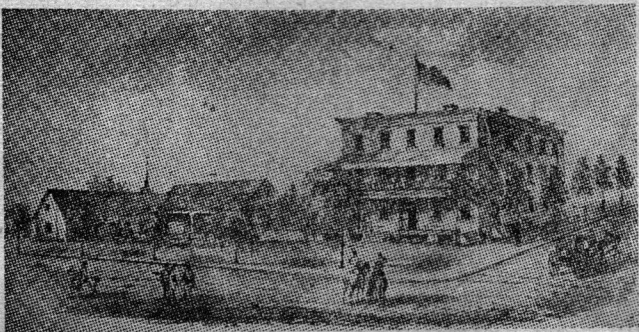
County Courthouse, After 1913 Enlargements

### Home of Painter, Sponser of Media



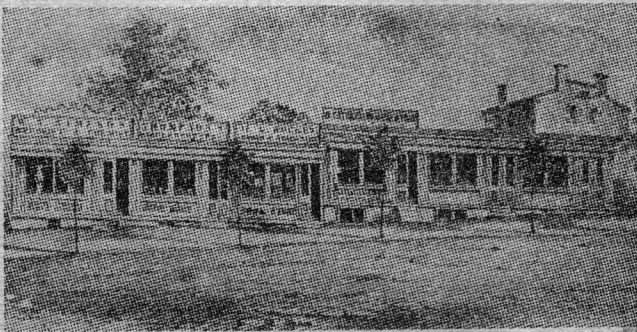
ARBORETUM & HOMESTEAD OF THE LATE MINSHALL PAINTER.  
MIDDLETOWN TP, DELAWARE CO., PA

### Visitors Paradise



THE OLD CHARTER HOUSE in the days when it faced on State Street. South Avenue runs past it on the right. To the left are the stables used by the patrons.

### Lawyer's Row



SOUTH AVENUE WHEN it was known as Lawyer's Row. It was situated north of State Street and was occupied principally by lawyers and businessmen.



# Providence Meeting Dates Back to 1684

About 1684 members of the Society of Friends in the vicinity of Media met for meetings for worship in private homes. One of those was that of Thomas Minschall, who had one of the original William Penn land grants. He gave a tract of land from his farm for the erection of a meeting house.

The graveyard in the back of the present Providence Meeting House was deeded to Friends in 1690. The oldest graves there marked with rough field stones and slabs have no names on them.

The first meeting house was built in 1699 on the grounds of the present one at Providence rd. and Front st. It was a log building and was erected near the road and farther west than the present one. In the north west corner of the grounds there was a mounting block, a vivid indication of the way of travel in that time.

The present meeting house was built in 1814. The first one was torn down and whatever material from that which could be used was used for the second building. The cost of erection was \$1401.12. This must have been the period of putting plaster on stones; for the stone was covered at first; later the plaster was removed.

## School Still Stands

The little school house used for First Day School was built at the same time and stands there still. The First Day School started in 1871, was the oldest in Delaware County. Parents and children attended First Day School and meeting for worship together and in 1879 about 150 were usually in attendance. We like to think of whole families sitting together in the quiet of the meeting for worship, the silence of which would be broken

only when some one led by inner compulsion, the inner light, would rise to speak.

The Providence Meeting was one of the three preparative meetings of the Chester Monthly Meeting. In 1827, at the time of the separation in the Society of Friends the bulk of the members of Providence Meeting wished to be associated with the Race Street Yearly Meeting of Friends, called Hicksites. Thus this group retained the Providence Meeting House.

The wall around the graveyard was built in 1856. In 1931 additions in form of a social room, were made. In 1937 the meeting became the United Providence Monthly Meeting.

About 1878 Charles Fussell, who was an artist, sat many, many First

Days in the back of the Meeting House sketching the people in attendance. Later he made a large painting of the sketch. And still later, the late Robert Fussell, who served as president of First National Bank of Media, made a photograph of the painting.

Looking at the photograph now one sees that men and women sat on opposite sides of the Meeting House. On the facing benches of the meeting men wore their hats. The women wore plain bonnets. In the body of the meeting, however, the women wore rather stylish and gay looking hats on their "upswept" style hair. The men had no hats on and wore what look like coats with velvet collars on them. Among others in the picture are Dr. Edwin Fussell, lawyer, Henry Howard, Will-

iam and Sara Green (parents of the late Lydia Hawkins), H. Edna Sleeper, Anna Mary Walter, who had a private school for girls in Media, and children Mary Hawley, Thomson, Alice Fussell and others.

On Sept. 14, 1885, a day school was opened on Gayley ter. for that purpose. Henry Fussell was the chairman of the committee under which the school functioned. Lydia Green, who later became Mrs. Alfred Hawkins, was secretary. Rebecca Williamson was principal. Sixteen pupils attended the first year. Seventy students were attending the school the third year and alterations were made in the building to accomodate them.

About 1930, Providence Meeting Friends discontinued the school. The Gayley ter. building was used

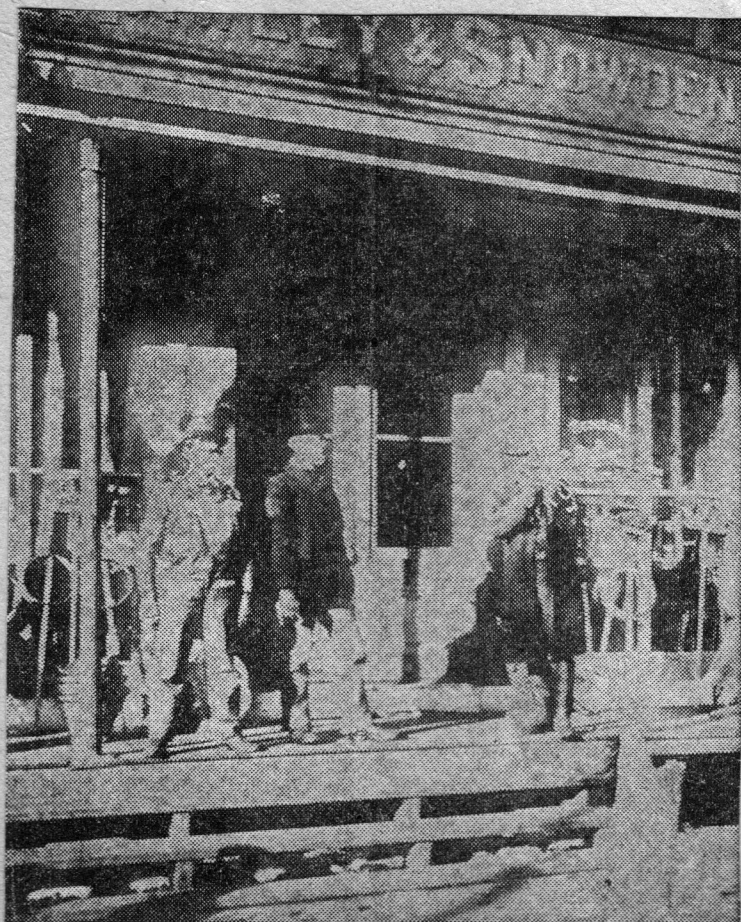
temporarily by Media Friends School, conducted by the Chester Monthly Meeting. Later they stopped using the building and eventually it was sold for the use of a synagogue.

The Providence United Meeting meets regularly in the old building. Many newcomers have joined the meeting and some non Friends attend. There were 34 families recently who attended First Day School who had no connection with the Society of Friends. The meeting has representatives on the school committee of Media Friends' School on 3d st.

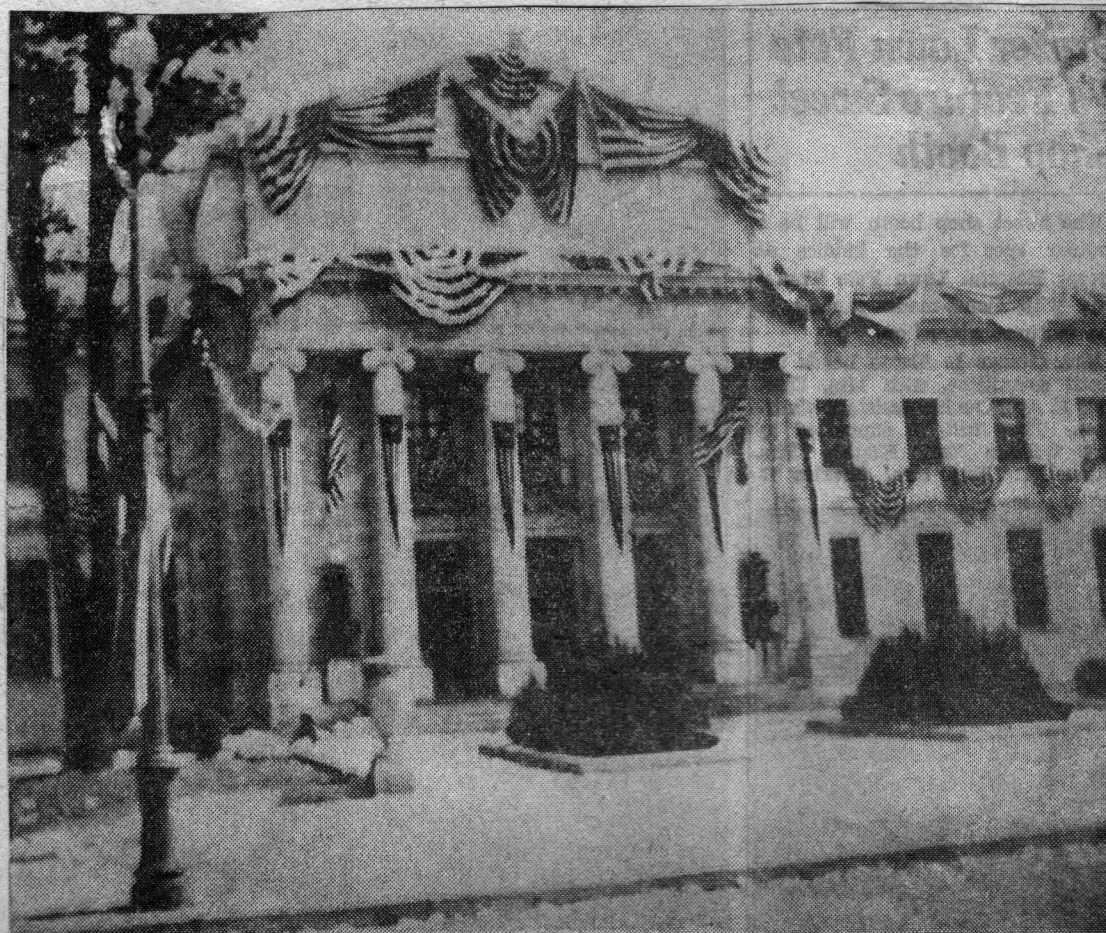


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Old Providence Friends Meeting, Providence Rd., Built In 1814



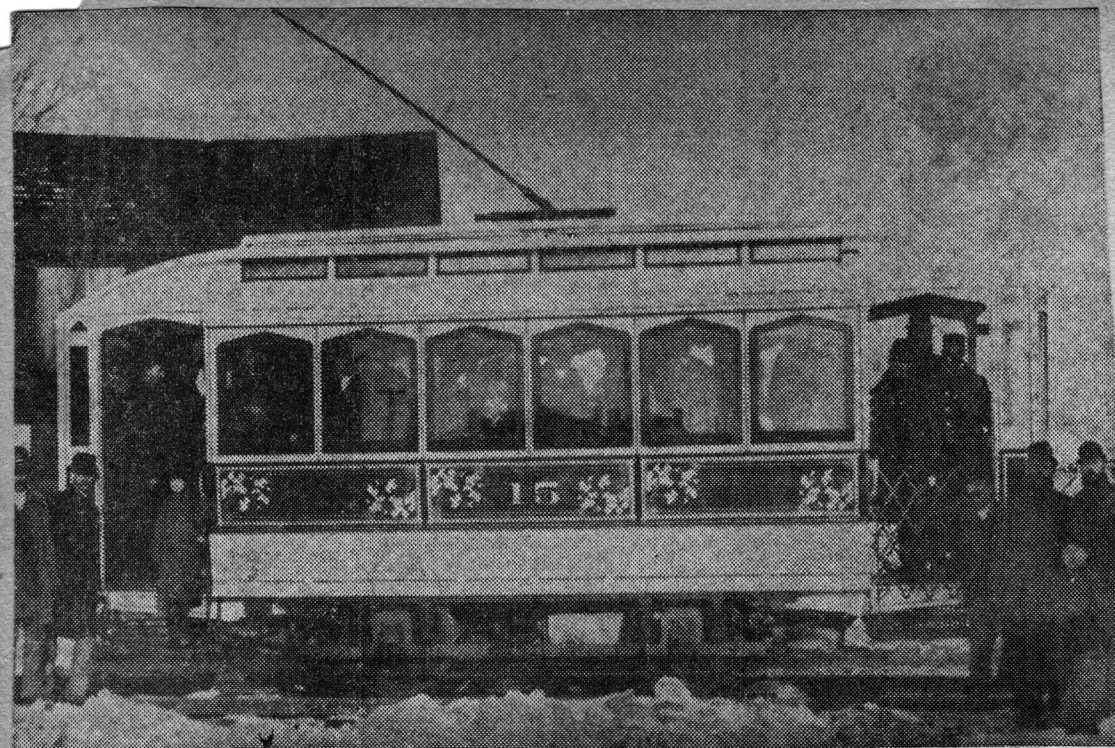
Snowdens of Media—Founded in 1868



COUNTY COURTHOUSE decorated for Peace Jubilee, June 27-28, 1919, when 28th Division men returned home.

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First Trolley From Chester to Media

## Geo. T. Butler Came to Media Early in Life

While George T. Butler, veteran attorney, was born in West Chester, he became acquainted with Media early in life. He frequently accompanied his father, Judge William Butler, when he came from West Chester to preside in court at Media. (Note: Delaware County was not a separate judicial district until 1874 and Judge Butler, elected in 1861, was the last judge to serve both Chester and Delaware county courts).

When he was 20, young Butler left Haverford College and went to Colorado to help build a railroad. Later he started to study law and was admitted to the bar in 1893, a year after he came to Media.

Married in 1902

In 1902 Butler married Eleanor Baird Reed, of Philadelphia. In 1935 Mr. and Mrs. Butler gave about 31 acres adjoining their home, on West st., to the county, where Glen



GEORGE T. BUTLER  
In Early Days of Practice

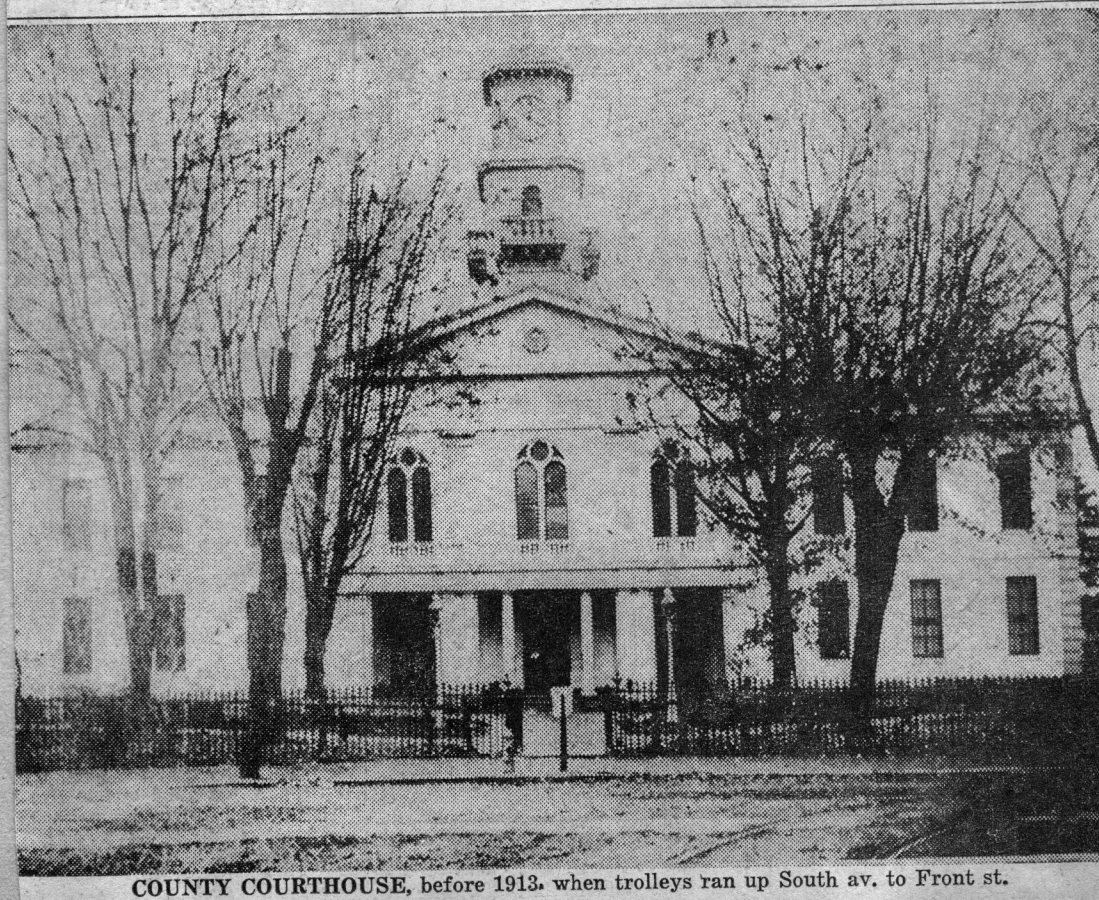
Providence has been established.

The veteran lawyer has been on the board of Glen Mills School since 1912 and has always lent his aid to community activities.

The tall slim man, very erect, is still actively practicing law as one of the best liked and most respected members of Delaware County Bar.



OLD DR. JOSEPH ROWLAND HOMESTEAD, State st., west of Orange (now Acme Market).



COUNTY COURTHOUSE, before 1913, when trolleys ran up South av. to Front st.

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**ANOTHER OLD MEDIA BALL TEAM:** Top row, left to right: Andrew Dalton (prothonotary), Charles Manley, Marshall Altemus, Thomas V. Cooper, W. Williamson, Thomas S. Fields, A. C. Mathues; Bottom row: Dr. B. J. Underhill, Isaac E. Johnson, A. Wilson Mathues, Harvey Knight.

## Media All Agog In 1900, That Marked 50 Years

Media was agog in 1900 when it celebrated the half way mark to its centennial. According to the Chester Times of May 19, 1900, there was a parade in the morning of fraternal orders, firemen and business concerns. In the military section were men of three GAR posts, Bradbury, Wilde and McCall.

C. Frank Williamson had a float, drawn by four horses, with pillars of coal and corn. Charles Pedrick displayed on his float a blacksmith shop in full blast, with a pony being shod.

George E. Darlington was chairman of the executive committee, with Capt. Thomas J. Dolpin and Dr. Linnaeus Fussell as secretaries.

Others included Horace P. Green, Joseph W. Hawley, William M. Miller, Caleb Hoopes, Harry D. Pratt, Frank I. Taylor, H. R. Greenfield, Henry G. Bishop, Homer E. Hoopes, William Hardcastle, Dr. Trimble Pratt, William P. Hipple, Charles R. Williamson, C. Frank Williamson, Edward A. Price, Samuel P. Rush, Dr. J. H. Fronefield, Henry C. Snowden, Emil Holl, Samuel W. Hawley, Joseph Chadwick, H. C. Howard, William L. Mathues, A. Lewis Smith, Thomas V. Cooper, Charles H. Pedrick, Edward W.

Hall, George M. Lewis, C. J. Bechdolt, Samuel A. Field, William F. Lewis, John Robinson, Joseph C. Seal, Isaac Johnson, Dr. T. C. Stellwagon, Winfield S. Worrall, Leon H. Waters.

It was a great day, but the thing that sticks in the memories of all who were there is that it rained, yes poured, so much that the bands could not play.



**BIRDSALL AND ADAMS TEAM, 1900.** Top row, left to right: Joe Egan, fielder; Joe McDowell, fielder; Culp, 2d base; Jack Murray, 3d base; bottom row: Parlette, fielder and pitcher; Peter Russell, first base and catcher; William Gibbons, 1st base; Ham Lutton, pitcher and fielder; he is credited as being first curved ball pitcher in Delaware County. (Photo by Ed Lindsay, former Chester Times Reporter).





BOYS OF OLD COMPANY H, 6th Regiment, National Guard, shortly after 1 (Judge) was commanding officer.



GROUP HONORING RETURN of Mrs. Annie Gray Dale Schuler on return from 37 years in mission field at Teheran, Persia. Mrs. Schuler was daughter of Rev. James W. Dale, first pastor of Media Presbyterian Church. Picture, taken in 1921, shows (left to right): Top row— Miss Bessie Brannin, Miss Helen B. Strong, Mrs. Harry H. Hilton; standing to left are: Miss Mary Leiper and Mrs. Callender I. Leiper; middle row—Miss Helen B. McCandless, Miss E. Louise Kruse, Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Clara Fields, Miss Karlana Kruse; front row—Miss Lillian J. Riddle, Mrs. Stanley T. Hibberd, Mrs. Schuler, Miss Bessie Fields, Miss Margaret McCandless. The baby was Virginia Hibberd, now Mrs. Henry A. Gehris.



BOYS OF EAST MEDIA primary school, Jefferson st., on May 14, 1900. Teacher is Mrs. Harriett Thompson. Left to right, top row: Joe Kelson, Wash. Simcox, George Whittaker, John Hardcastle, Grover Malin, Alfred Russell, Roy Russell, Ellis Franymer. Bottom row: William Framer, James Plumbly, Devitt Stewart, William Kelson, Charles Lockwood, William McKniff (grandson of former police chief.) Roy Russell, Providence rd., owner of photo, says he and brother first served Morning Republican in Media.

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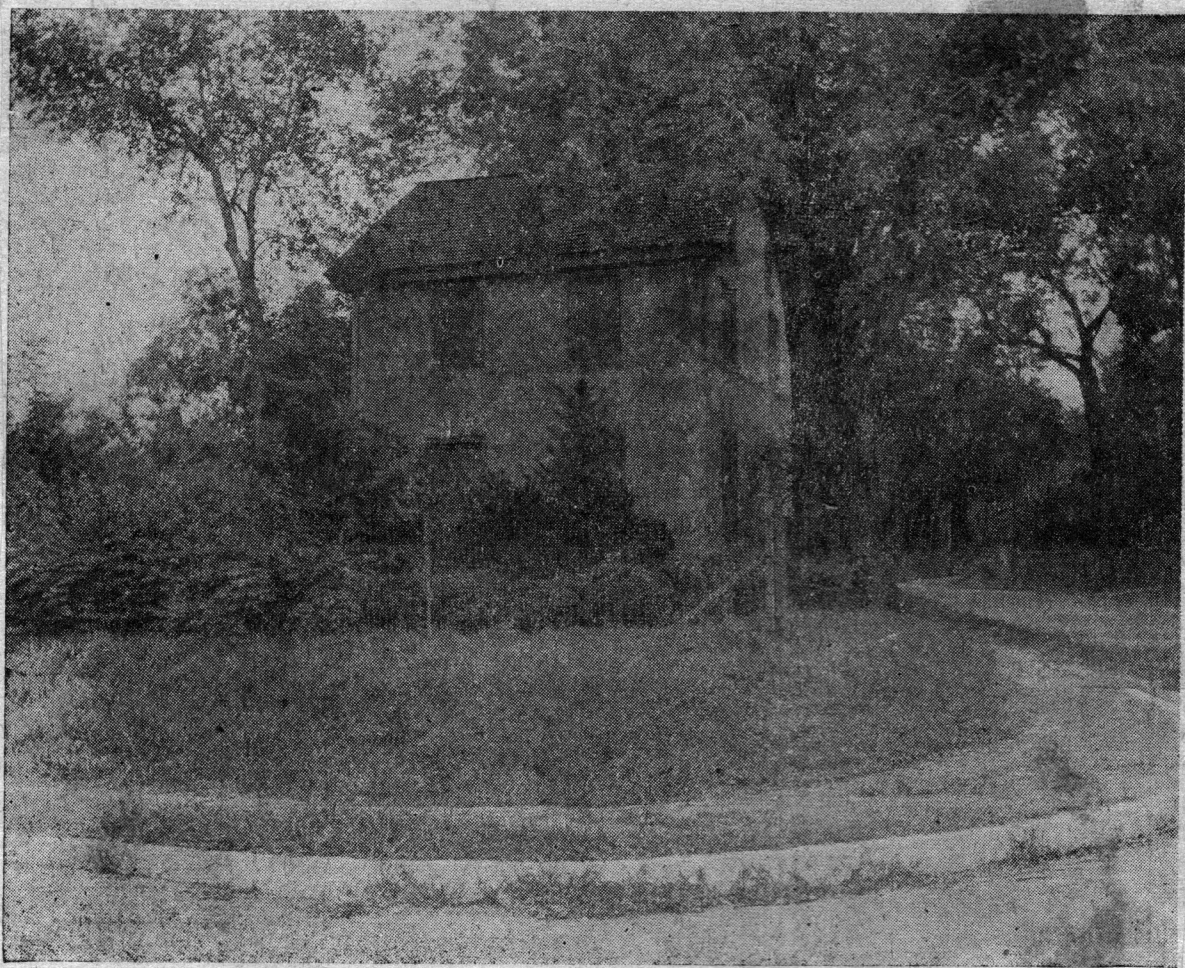


## As the Town of Providence Looked



A SHOT OF BALTIMORE PIKE PRIOR to 1850 when the town of Media was known as Providence. Then called Washington St., this picture shows the corner of South Ave. and Washington St.

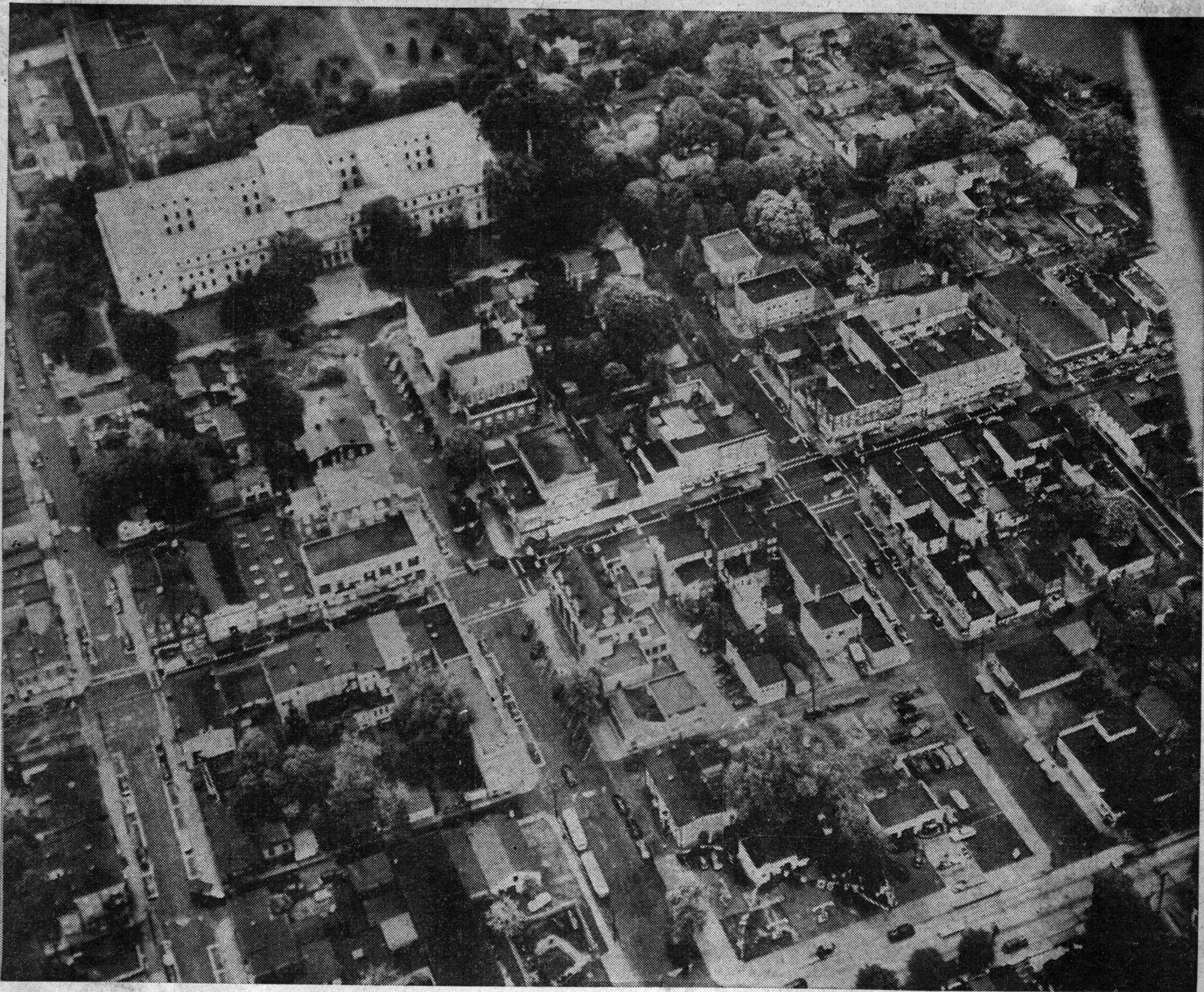
## Erected Way Back in 1702



THE OLDEST HOUSE IN MEDIA as it looks today. Situated on the corner of Front St. and Providence Rd., the latter is shown to the right of the picture, the two-story building is part of the Lewis estate.



# Delaware County Seat on Its 100th Birthday



Aerial View of Media Business District Looking Towards Courthouse

Times Photo by Bill Ahlstrom



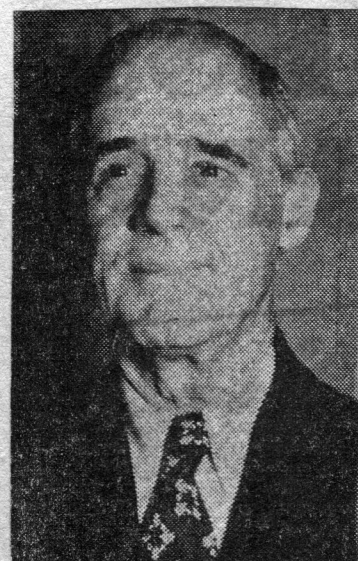
**WALTER M. STRINE**  
Civic Day Chairman



**DR. WALTER E. WENTZ JR.**  
Chairman Medical Committee



**R. DEANE WHITE**  
Chairman, finance committee



**CAPT. WILLIAM WESTCOTT**  
Chairman, 6th Regiment Reunion

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## A Present for Patty



MISS PATTY HIGHFIELD, Miss Greater Media, thanks Burgess J. Fred Schultz before a large crowd for the necklace presented her by merchants. A few minutes after this photo was taken, Patty left for a weekend at Atlantic City, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce

NEWS Photo—F. F. Zimmerman



Times Staff Photo by George Nelson

Patty Highfield Reigns During Centennial



Times Staff Photo

**STRIKE TWO**—Johnny Highfield, one of Media's best known athletes, played second base for the Old Timers in a contest with the Media High team Tuesday evening on the high school field. The youngsters won out 4-2 in the six-inning game. Highfield is shown taking a cut at the ball with Norman Higgins as catcher.

## Patty was 4th in Miss Penna Cont Brings Past Into Present



**MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL Women's Club** bring the past into the present with their pageant. Rehearsing the show (l. to r.) are Mrs. Mary Smedley, Mrs. Lucille Baldwin, Mrs. Kuslella Worrall, Mrs. Marion Lewis, Miss Frances Hunt, Mrs. Mary Jarman and Miss Sidney Engle.

NEWS Photo—F. F. Zimmerman

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Comments have been passed through the centennial week that J. Nelson Rigby, conducting his funeral home in the former Col. Joseph Hawley property, is carrying on the business that his grandfather, George H. Rigby, established in 1856, only six years after the borough was incorporated. The entire Rigby family, through its generations, are native born Medians.

Among the parading Shriners of LuLu Temple, attired in tuxedos and red fez, were Judges William R. Toal and Arthur P. Bretherick, County Commissioner John H. Doherty and former Senator John J. McClure.

Media High seniors missed the parade because they had a big night elsewhere. It was their senior prom, held at Overbrook Golf Club.

Didn't know there were so many folding chairs, wooden and canvas, in Media until we saw the lineup on the sidewalks Friday night. Many spectators just sat on the curbs.

"Miss Nan" missed one of her earrings as she started for the athletic field and insisted on going back home to get another. For years, earrings have been one of her favorites and she has many choice sets in her large collection.

The handling of the horses by the LuLu mounted guard was better appreciated when you learned that the steeds were rented for the night—at \$10 each, we understand.

The wagon of I. S. Habbersett that appeared in the Civic Day parade was first used in 1863, when Isaac Habbersett started his scrap-ple and sausage business. Riding a horse just ahead of the wagon in the parade was another Isaac Habbersett, 70 years old, grandson of the founder, the oldest of the present Habbersett Brothers. And the small boy hauling a live baby pig with his tractor was four-year-old Gary Habbersett, of the fifth generation.

Lillian Baker, who has been leading a busy life during the centennial celebration will march in today's parade with a bandaged hand. She burned her left hand Thursday afternoon while she was lighting the stove at the Media Fire Co.'s Auxiliary hot dog booth. She was treated at Media Hospital.

Elizabeth Paxton, co-chairman of the County Day program, noticed that her costume was the object of conversation by two people in a car with Kansas license plates. She stopped to explain about the celebration. The male occupant of the automobile observed, "I see the men have grown beards for the occasion." Then turning to his wife he said, "See, you shouldn't have made me shave mine off." It seems their town was observing a similar event when they left their home state.

The appearance of bearded men on the streets of Media is not an unusual sight, naturally, for it has taken months of slow and painless work to cultivate the chin lawns. Neither have the old fashioned costumes of the women of town. It goes with a centennial... it is expected. What does bother the hairy-faced Medians is their appearance next week. Those who shave off their centennial shubbery will look as though they were suffering from faulty pigmentation of the skin. Sunburned after a week of beautiful weather, the skin under the shade of hair will be as pearly-white as the completion of a veiled Harem beauty. Where hair marks the hundred-percent Media booster this week, a white spot on the face will mark him next week.

The most optimistic and pleased man in Media this week... who would you nominate if called upon to select such a person? The man is J. Fred Schultz, burgess. Dashing about town in his blue car, attending to a multitude of major details and program changes, Burgess Schultz fairly bubbles enthusiasm. "It's not a tough job at all when you have scores of hardworking borough citizens and officials working around the clock to keep things going."

What inscription is cut in the stone above the entrance to the courthouse? Several persons know for their usually keen powers of observation were asked this question, with the results you can well imagine. That which we see everyday we usually don't actually see at all. There is a good lesson in county history permanently before each citizen that pauses to read. "Delaware County was constituted September 26, 1789. This court house was built in 1850 and rebuilt in 1913. It is the sixth of this judicial district in line of direct succession from the first court house in Pennsylvania. It was again rebuilt and extensively enlarged in 1930." Below in bold Roman letters is the inscription, "Boni Viri Omnes Justitiam Ipsam Amant." In speaking of this message in a letter to the Chester Times on Oct. 11, 1949. Gus Houtman, borough council president, interpreted this as meaning "that all good men love justice for itself." He added the anecdote that "Dan Toohey, who successfully mixed beer and politics in the 11th ward when Media was officially dry, had perhaps an equally good translation to this Roman enigma. Said he, 'It means: Let's go to the Rose Tree and get a drink.'"

It would take Ed Streeper, Media's outstanding historian and genealogist, to keep the descendants of Peter Taylor right with the record. Dr. Albert Cook Myers, foremost authority on the history of William Penn, author and historian of Moylan, is another who can run up the Taylor family tree like a squirrel. At the risk of running afoul of historical fact, we believe with Mrs. Edna Baker Shoemaker of Providence rd., that her granddaughter, Lois Pearl Shoemaker, is the youngest descendant of Peter Taylor in this area during the celebration. Lois is 8 months old. She is ninth in the direct line. The line goes as follows: Peter Taylor, who received the original land grant from Penn for the land now occupied by Media; his son, Peter, had a son Nathan, who had a daughter Ruth who married Aaron Baker. Their son Nathan Taylor Baker had a son of the same name. His son Passmore Taylor Baker is the father of Mrs. Shoemaker. Her son Roland Louis Shoemaker, of 437 Manchester av., married Margaret Bryson, and it is their daughter Lois who brings up the end of the trail. As there was William Taylor, with whom Peter lived briefly way back when, and another brother Phillip, many other descendants stem from Taylor stock in the borough today, such as Frank Taylor Wiltshire, co-chairman of borough day Friday.

The eight chairmen of the special "day" programs, and their co-chairmen have done a tremendous job for Media this historic week. After one day is completed there is a feeling of "Well, that was great—nothing will equal that program." Before the words are out the current day is rolling along in equally fine fashion. There is another aspect of this celebration, one without glamor, without publicity, without acclaim. This is the crew under Borough Councilman J. Orval Mancill. After each event, with thousands of persons jamming the streets, the Media High athletic field and Glen Providence Park, there is a ton of debris. This crushed remnant of a past event must be cleaned up, removed, to leave the borough clean, bright and shining for the next round of events. It is difficult to maintain centennial enthusiasm at 1 a. m. in the morning while you pick up discharged ice cream wrappers. Arranging this gigantic house-cleaning with Councilman Mancill is Charles G. Worrlow, co-chairman; Ellwood Cushnie, building inspector Albert L. Flounders, and Charles Higgins. They have recruited workers as the need arises. They were described as one of the "powers behind the throne" by Burgess J. Fred Schultz Friday.

"It's hot but worth it to help the Lions Club drive," Carol Mosteller, 15-year-old high school student, said yesterday as she lay in the portable iron lung in the Media Lions Club's demonstration caravan at Jackson and State sts.

The amplified "breathing" of the lung for which the Lions Club is collecting money to buy for the use of the borough has become one of the expected sounds of the centennial.

They have collected more than 50% of the \$1300 needed, and look forward to the firemen and their friends swelling the funds. Robert G. Burke 3d, former chairman of the committee, and James Stewart, chairman at present, are pushing the drive so that Media may have this equipment for emergencies. None of the girls in the lung are polio victims, although this belief bothered many residents who wanted to see it. Helen Yarnall, West Chester State Teachers College graduate, listed to be coach at Media High next year, also demonstrated this week, as did little 13-year-old Edith Stokes.

Those who dunk can be dunked in return. When the Keystone Kops spotted Gleave and Phil Baker without their beards. (They shaved for the firemen's parade today), they dunked them in the 100-year-old bathtub in front of the postoffice at 4:55 p. m. Friday. At 4:56 Gleave and Phil Baker dunked Frannie Gray, Lion Club president and Jack Kelly. Wait until the costumers see the uniforms they rented to the crazy crew. They have been soaked with water, ripped in scuffles, wrinkled by wrestling, and denuded of buttons and badges in a score of "arrests" this week.

Dr. Albert Cook Myers, the Penn historian, made a bus pilgrimage to Tyler Friday. He says his display in the windows at the School Pharmacy and Russell's is particularly significant for it includes documents not seen before. The same applies to Frank Wiltshire's window.

Mrs. Robert W. Mather of Moylan, the former Eleanor May Price, has the book she wrote for the William Penn pageant at Philadelphia's sesqui-centennial on display among Dr. Myers exhibits.

Wearing his red fez, but quite late, John J. McClure, Delaware County political leader of the Republican organization came on the athletic field Friday night, walked in front of the reviewing stand, and stood several moments unnoticed and uncertain—for there was not one inch of room on the packed stand. Finally he was seen by John Doherty, president of the county commissioners, and a place was speedily found for John.

Handsome in full-face hair, George G. Jefferis, of the Lions Club beard committee, marched with the Shriners, as did Walter M. Strine, who was chairman of the civic day celebration Wednesday.

Mrs. Maude Allen, borough secretary, was greeting former Medians, dressed in a cool print well decorated by a huge orchid. The flower was a big surprise. "I don't know how it happened! I was chosen 'career girl' on WPEN Thursday, and they sent me this orchid, perfume and candy!"

Edward V. Streeper, secretary of the centennial committee, should be called "indestructible". He never missed a function, and the historian could double the ages of other committee chairmen who were sagging under the week-jammed round of festivities.

Did you see Cleve Taber, assisting Frank Zimmerman taking pictures for the centennial committee this week, get thrown to the ground Wednesday night when he took the full shock of a speedlight battery on his left hand. He was painfully burned in the accident.

Priceless Miss Dutton, not in the best of health, and under rigid doctor's orders to conserve her strength, has had a week almost as strenuous as Patty Highfield, ("Miss Greater Media"). Scores of visitors

have made pilgrimages to the State st. home, to speak with Miss Nan about the good old days. She drove up to the reviewing stand at the Media High field Friday night with all the fanfare of a beauty winner, and faced the battery of flashing cameras like the queen she is.

Chippy Lundgren, veteran Delaware County umpire who made the old-timers ball team Tuesday night such a hit, pulled a new trick on the Keystone Kops at the athletic field Friday night. Dunked with much show of resistance in the tub, he took a liking for the cooling bath. He hopped in again and had to be removed. Three more times he dove for the porcelain oval and wallowed in the water like a porpoise.

The shiner who lugged the bass fiddle as big as his own frame, is some sort of a champion lobster-crate marcher. It was overheard that he had marched 54 hours in Atlantic City with the huge stringed instrument.

Commented Bearded Jack Kelly, World War II veteran, as he watched the Shrine patrol perform the most intricate drill maneuvers: "It took a pile of cussin' I'll bet to get those guys in that condition."



# Century Notes

It was a ball game to remember, when the "old timers" met the cream of Media High's diamond stars on the athletic field Tuesday evening. Names well remembered in records of Media teams came to life again as the men donned uniforms and took the field. The high school won, 4-2.

Names like Highfield, (both Pye and Johnnie), Cochran, Baldwin, Humes, Mooney, (two of them), McCleary, Fahey, Gibson, Worrell, Fields and Berry put the crowd slightly on the side of the oldsters. It was sort of a revolt against the passing of the years—a "we ain't so old" feeling that moved through the spectators. It was tough on the youngsters, but they understood. They won the game after all.

Things were just adding up to an ordinary ball game when Chippy Lundgren, a veteran umpire of the Delco League and the Delaware County Valley League moved out to the coaching box at first base.

Chippy started to disrobe. When he finished he was wearing red and white striped pajama bottoms, and a long yellow and white night shirt that must have been discarded by Peter Taylor himself.

Patrolman Thomas "Pye" Highfield took the spotlight away from his beautiful daughter Patty for quite a spell, as he loaded the bases at one time and later snagged a high poke to center field.

Johnnie Highfield, Patty's uncle did his share for the family name, getting on base when struck by a pitched ball, and later parlaying a clean two-bagger into the first run of the game when the Media High boys booted the ball at second and overthrew third.

Back of the catcher, on the other side of the Front st. fence stood Patty herself, dressed in a pretty blue gown, tearing at her handkerchief while she cheered on her father and uncle.

Later she went home to the house just off the ball field to dress for the costume ball, where she was queen of the walk again as Miss Greater Media.

It was interesting to see Father Albert, as the townsfolk know him—the Rev. W. J. Alberts of Christ's Episcopal Church in Media, warming up Pete Baldwin in the bullpen. Later Father Albert, in black clerical trousers and shirt (minus the backrads collar) played for the old timers in right field.

The clergyman was quite a ball player in his college years at Nashatah, Wisconsin. He also played second base and shortstop in New York City, and Tennessee.

Dick Worrell, who pitched many winning game around the county won the applause of the fans as he drifted a few drops and slow pitches past the swinging high school sluggers.

One of the most outstanding jobs of community service during this eventful centennial week has been accomplished by the special police.

These men have sacrificed their own pleasure to aid Chief Laughhead and his force in keeping traffic under control, running messages for the committee, and maintaining general law and order. On the last count they admit there is nothing to do. Never was Media more orderly and considerate.

It's a familiar sight to see John H. Tippings black beard under a white helmet liner at the wheel of his jeep, or the red bearded face of Robert V. Tilghman scooting on an official errand.

These men deserve a great deal of credit. They include 20 men from the American Legion: Donald L. Tipping, Robert W. Tipping, Sterling Williamson, Philip Hardican,

William McClain, William Gibson, John Degnan, Lewis M. Evans Jr., Lewis M. Evans 3d, Harold Gillespie, Ralph Miller, Philip Baker, Len Pell and Thomas Luglio, Ernest Tyler, Norman Evans, Bennett I. Yarnall and Bettett I. Yarnall Jr., and Tilghman and Tipping.

Assisting also is James McConnell of the Media Fire Police and George Furman, Lee Transue and Joe Davis of Middletown Fire Police.

When you take 500 children of grammar school age, and weld them into a pageant team that performs with the precision and ability of adults, you have done a remarkable thing. Add to this the creation of the program itself, the designing and actual making of costumes, and you have a complicated almost impossible task. Certainly the more than 1200 persons who watched the children perform in the youth day pageants Tuesday afternoon at the highfield realized what went into the performance. Credit goes basically to the children, who did the work, the rehearsing, the dancing and announcing. Behind them were many hardworking adults starting at the top with M. James Parsons, Media's superintendent of schools and Father George W. Shay of Nativity BVM parochial school, who were co-chairman. There were other names that you could catch here and there like Calhoun, Fox, Krause, Haworth, Harvey, Sister Louise and Sister Anastasia Marie, over the public address system, and many not mentioned who worked for weeks to produce the pageant. These are the teachers of tomorrow's generation, the real builders of democracy.

The hot June afternoon, burnished by a bright sun, in a light blue sky made the waiting and the standing an ordeal for the children. Just when the youngest children of the Media public schools were being announced as the ones who would celebrate Media's sesqui-centennial a strange formation of wispy clouds appeared in the sky. It took to form of a cross. This could have been an optical illusion, brought on by a wishful mind, so to check we asked Francis Zimmerman, the official centennial photographer to check. He saw it also. A clergyman or a poet would have seen this as a symbol of a peaceful future for the young children. As a matter of fact it appeared so to a newspaperman, even at the risk of being sentimental (said to be a black mark on a newsman's traditional cynical viewpoint).

The Media Lions Club has given the centennial a big boost with its beard contest, Keystone cops, and the dunking tub. There is a serious side to the outfit also. They are collecting money for an iron lung which they intend to place at the disposal of the borough for local emergencies. It is an expensive bit of equipment, with a price tag of some \$1200 on it. Stop in and contribute to this life saving apparatus.

Do you realize the centennial is progressing remarkably well, and it is a completely home talent project. No high-priced high-pressure outfit is running the show. So far there has been nothing but applause for the work of the committee. When Burgess J. Fred Schultz asked the crowd at the field Tuesday if they enjoyed the program thus far, the applause he received was spontaneous and genuine.

Charlie Higgins did an excellent job with the public address system for the children's programs. The mikes were well spaced, and the open air stage really covered for sound.

Few places were warmer than the high school gymnasium during the costume ball Tuesday night. The

entrances were jammed with spectators who couldn't find seats. Finally Joseph Martin, manager for Clarence Furmans orchestra, asked the overflow to come in and sit along the edge of the floor. One couple, a pretty blonde in spike heels and a black and white checkered dress with a red corsage, and a young man in slacks and a white shirt crossed the floor, took a seat on the floor, and promptly forgot all about the several hundreds about them as they read a piece of paper resembling a letter.

Martin, who officiated as announcer, called attention to their mutual absorption in each other. It took several announcements and a bit of finger-pointing before they realized they were a momentary center of attraction. The band struck up "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" just to make them feel at home.

If you like rifles, and shootin' irons of all descriptions, and have plenty of time, stop in and see Capt. G. W. Dillin at the commercial and industrial exhibit in the armory. He has a rapid fire record in the national guard that has never been equalled, he says. Author of "The Kentucky Rifle," a book on rabies and several tracts on conversation, the former Media resident is widely known as an authority on old guns. He has a book in manuscript form on the Passenger Pigeon, which has been completely obliterated due to improvident slaughter.

Do you know Ed Streeper, historian and geneologist, for 14 years secretary of the Delaware County Institute of Science, has been working on the historical phases of the centennial for two years? He has been one of the real authorities on the history of Media. He is writing a history also, one that will take up where Henry Graham Ashmead left off in 1884.

The art work of the students of Nativity BVM Parochial School, Media Friends and all grades of the Media public schools was on display in the corridors of the high school Tuesday as the morning part of the youth day program.

The excellent composition and lettering of the Nativity students, the free and non-objective creations of the Media Friends' students, and the overall exhibit of art in all Media by the public school children makes an exhibition worthy of the attention of all parents and other interested persons. It is expected that the exhibit will remain until the end of

the centennial week Saturday, so drop in and see the art work. Some of the names on the drawings will be among the widely-known artists of a decade hence.

Some of the scores of pictures taken for the Chester Times which could not be used because of space restrictions, and prints of those that have appeared, will be displayed in the window of the Times office on Front st. Stop by and see if you can find a likeness of yourself or your friends. Come inside and register . . . the welcome sign is always up.

The colorful scenes of yesterday Media painted on the store front on State st. near Plum are the artistic contribution of the following Media High School students:

Ralph Murray, 330 W. 2d st.; Ruth Rohde, 110 Pennell pl.; Kitten Armstrong, 320 W. 4th st.; Donald Gillespie, Chester Plaza; Helen Horn, Valley View rd.; Bill Hornung, Aston ter.; Barbara Lee Thomas, N. Orange st.

Virginia Lee Worrell, Kirk la.;

Nancy McMillin, State st.; Bob Reese, E. 4th st.; Art Russell, 6th st.; Shirley Mills, Parkside; Marian Davis, State st.; Charles Herbsters, Brookhaven; Orenda Eccerd, Middletown rd., and Pat Fish, State st. The project has been under the direction of Eleanor Bareiss, fine arts instructor at the high school.

The scenes are Providence Friends Meeting; the old County Almshouse, Blue Bridge, Shortlidge Academy, the old courthouse and county jail, a scene at Front st. and Providence rd., and Chalfont's livery stable.

A lot of spirited community effort went into the WILPF float which will appear in tonights and tomorrow's parades. The WILPF Women's International League for Peace and Freedom—has divided its float in two sections—the front representing a huge black tank and the rear, all in soft yellow and green, showing a little boy fishing by a stream. Tony Robbi, of Swarthmore, wearing a helmet, rides the tank, and little Ken Lip-ton, son of artist Josephine Lip-

ton, of Drexel Hill, is the boy fishing.

A crossroads sign in the center of the truck points to "War" and to "Peace" and a banner poses the question, "Which Is Your Choice?" Residents of Springfield, Swarthmore and Drexel Hill have devoted hundreds of hours designing and constructing the float, without a cent of remuneration. Walking behind the float will be several score women and children dressed in authentic costumes of foreign nations. Among them will be the children of St. Hedwig's parish in Chester, dressed in polish costumes.

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Media's curbside museum is growing each day. In addition to the hundreds of items which have been on display in the shop windows the first part of the centennial week, more exhibits are coming in as other residents remember their valued possessions. Several Medians have said they wish the display could remain longer than a week so that they could get a good chance to see everything. There is too much going on this week in connection with the centennial. Perhaps Paul L. Clark and Mrs. Ernest Hibberd, co-chairmen of the window display committee may give the idea some thought.

It was a close squeeze, but the 100 year old Presbyterian Church on Baltimore av. at Church st. finally received its fresh bright coat of white paint. The contractors were apparently held up by the recent inclement weather, and the painting operation carried over into Centennial week. This fine example of ecclesiastical architecture of a former age, imposing with its solid serene Greek columns and high tower is one of the show spots of the borough.

Media presents three aspects to the tourists who pass through U. S. Highway No. 1 north and south seeking early vacation spots. Those who are driving through at 6.30 a. m. see the "number one borough, as a sleeping debutant after the ball, (despite 100 years of life Media is a remarkably young lady) with the decorations appearing like her wrinkled but still attractive evening gown. Under the high noon sun, the town is a busy business and legal settlement, with her residents proceeding about the business of making a living but still

with the attitude that they must not miss any of the events. At night there is the feeling of a county fair. The streets are jammed with many who are catching up on the new exhibits in store windows, while scores of others are walking or driving to the next event on the program.

The headquarters of American Red Cross at Front and Jackson sts. presents a striking appearance among the trees and residences of that quiet sector. Two huge 15-foot long Red Cross flags face Front st., and other smaller banners are fixed at the windows.

The spirit of the centennial has spread its influence through the county. Nothing is too much trouble for some persons in the line of preparation. Take Mrs. William M. Faulkner of Ridley Park and Mrs. Hilton E. Duling of Chester, for instance. They took part with other Delaware County folk dancers in the civic day festivities at the athletic field Wednesday night. Mrs. Duling went to the museum and got a book on costumes of 100 years ago. She and Mrs. Faulkner then consulted Mrs. Armond Quasiare, who came over to this country from French Morocco following the war, after marrying a GI. She was a French dressmaker there. Mrs. Quasiare went to work and both dancers appeared in authentic costumes. All this work for an appearance of 15 minutes! The results justified the work however.

The folk dancers are all persons who dance at various places around the county all year round. Under the instruction and calling of William R. Hunn, of Morton, a group from the Rose Valley Square Dance was present.

They included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mather, Moylan, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Fawcett, Concordville, Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Oswald, Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. John Gall, Narberth; Mr. and Mrs. Hilton E. Duling, Chester; Mr. and Mrs. William M. Faulkner, Ridley Park; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Echelmeyer, Middletown rd., Black Horse; Mrs. James Chapman, Manoa, and Leo D. Jones, a representative of the International Institute in Philadelphia.

A square representing the American Folkways of Philadelphia and Florida Park came from Florida Park under the leadership of J. N. Teesdale, head of the folkways locally. They included Teesdale and Gertrude Devon of Moylan; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. George Biddle Young, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Coan, all of Florida Park.

Mrs. Mary Pierce, of Media, an expert dancer and caller took over the duties of handling the recorded music. Hunn selected the dances and called the figures. Echelmeyer, president of the Rose Valley group, was responsible for the performance. All these dancers will appear on June 13 at the PMC field in Chester's annual folk festival.

George Keiser's got his hat back. George, who is a member of Media Fire Co., and well-known around town since he drives a taxi and the fire company ambulance, rented a real sharp outfit for the week—frock coat, checked vest and derby. He stopped into the Hotel Media on Saturday night, and by mistake someone walked off with his derby, leaving him a conventional brown felt. George tracked the man down detective-fashion, and they exchanged hats . . . and everybody's happy.

A plea for leniency was heard during the dunking ceremonies at the courthouse. As Bob Burke, kangaroo court judge, asked the opinion of the spectators as to the punishment for a bearless, badgeless victim, the assembly shouted "dunk him." After the din had ceased, one tyke's voice was heard. "Don't dunk him," she said excitedly, "He's the ice cream man."

Costumes are being worn by most the gals in the offices in Media during the week. They are causing quite a bit of talk, and much gaiety during the lunch hour. After lunch on Tuesday, Laura Johnston, Jane Ziemer, Betty Paxton, and Mary Scull posed for pictures in front of the bathtub at the courthouse, in their period dresses. For a cheese-cake shot, Laura displayed one

pantalooned leg over the enameled top.

Gossip has it that one secretary lost a very important part of her costume while both arms were burdened with books on the way to the office, and other left her switchboard long enough to do the Charleston for her boss in her flapper outfit.

A balmy summer night, warm enough for many men to shed their coats, under a starlit sky, helped draw the crowd Wednesday evening.

An attendant had to shoo away with a long pole the overhanging branches on Monroe st. that threatened to break off the sign "Pat" towering over the throne of Miss Greater Media.

John Finley, manager of Wawa Dairies, presented a handsome go-cart, when Patty Highfield drew a number from a milk can, to Bill Turner, of Media—of all persons, a husky teenager!

The program had not advanced too far when Hal Moore called for Joyce and Frank. "Your father is waiting for you," he said. That started a roll call of mothers and fathers for children missed in the vast crowd, until, apparently, Reba, David, Howard, Joseph, and Michael had been reunited with parents.

Their visit to Media left a good taste in the mouths of the 2d Army band, which came from Ft. Meade, Md., and the officers of the 111th Regiment Combat Team. Before they left town Saturday, both groups were dined. According to James J. Skelly, co-chairman of the committee that brought the military units to Media, all the men said they were royally treated. They commended the spirit of the crowds that looked on from the sidewalks.

Anxious to hear every bit of news of the Centennial is Warren A. Baker, who is confined to bed at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Yocum, 3d st. and Providence rd., Media. Mr. Baker, who is blind and suffering with diabetes, was born outside of Media 91 years ago, and has lived in this town all his life. He is remembered by some of the older women of Media as "the beau brummel" of Media, from the days when he rode around in a handsome rig, drawn by a fine-looking steed, an object of sartorial splendor. Other old-timers remember him as a builder on the job at Media High School, and many bridges in the area. After retirement he was a familiar figure at Media firehouse, until blindness confined him.

Walter M. Strine, chairman of the highly successful civic day program Wednesday was sitting on the reviewing stand as the Glen Mills boys prepared for their battalion review on the athletic field. A chairman hasn't a moment's peace. There is always some detail that slipped and must be made right. He was deep in conference when adjutants call was sounded by the Glen Mills trumpeter. "Pardon me, please," he said, "I must stand up and watch this. It always puts a tingle in my spine. Strine was an instructor at the school for 15 years.

Patty Highfield, picked by judges as Miss Greater Media, a decision sealed emphatically by the crowds many times by their applause, was a busy girl at the parade, escorted

by Jaycee William Williamson. She was autographing the official program book published by the centennial committee, and before the ink was dry they were being sold to the persons in the stands.

Don't ever say a crowd is devoid of feeling. As the Glen Mills cadets fell in for calisthenics, and removed their OD blouses and wool shirts, spontaneous applause rang out. They knew how hot the boys were parading in midwinter garb.

The workhorse of the centennial celebration has been Media High School Band. Despite many disappointments in the early part of the school year, John W. Charles, band instructor, kept plugging with his willing but not too expert group. Through the football season they became more and more proficient. Then came last Saturday. From that moment on Media had an uncrowned high school championship band. To see them in parade, or in demonstrations on the field is a pleasure. And the teenagers are willing at the drop of the hat to climb into the attractive but warm blue and white uniforms and march anywhere for any length of time, under the June sun. Before the civic day activities Wednesday, just after the Glen Mills School parade, two members fainted. They recovered in time to participate on the field, under the sparkling direction of Joan Gourley, chief drum majorette. It will be interesting to record how many times they will have appeared before the celebration is over.

You could trust the Media Lions Club beard committee to take full and rightful advantage of the more than 5000 who jammed the field, lined the wire fences, and stood on terraces and porches of

the boundary streets. While the judges were trying to select the five winners, Robert G. Burk 3d called his "tomfoolery court together, and J. Clayton "Rabbit" Snear dressed in legal gown and a long bedraggled grey wig, took the bench. Burk in his 1860 street costume, as district attorney had the Keystone Kops led by Media Lions Club president Francis Gray bring in the luckless victims.

Speaking of calmness, the old moustache cup goes to Francis Cunningham. He of the reddest beard in the contest. When his name was called out as a winner, he was smoking a cigarette on the side of the stage. He carefully took a final drag, exhaled leisurely, dropped the butt on the grass, ground it with his heel, straightened his shoulders, and then walked into the glare of the lights.



# 500 Children Act in Youth Day Program

By FRED ECHELMEYER

More than 500 of Media's elementary school children, representing the Media Friends school, the public school, co-chairmen of the borough, and the parochial school of Nativity BVM Church, presented a gigantic historical pageant on the high school athletic field Tuesday afternoon.

Confining their activities to a large grass-carpeted "stage" at the east end of the field, they recalled the history of Media and the nation for the past 100 years.

M. James Parsons, superintendent of the borough schools, and Rev. George W. Shay, head of Nativity Church, were among the guests.

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uty who comprised the orchestra.

## Created Program

Mrs. Ruth Harvey, principal of the school, and Mrs. J. Victor Haworth, a former Hedgerow performer, created the program, and Mrs. Haworth directed and trained the children.

After the Quaker phase, the upper form demonstrated the "gay party" era, and danced "The Lancers" a stately old quadrille, in period costume. They also danced a var-souviennne. Then followed a barn dance, ballad singing with pantomime, and a ballad.

Like all the performers of the three schools involved it was ambitious, intricate, and extremely well done. So thought a crowd of some 1200 persons.

Tremendous in its scope and participating personnel, the children of Media's elementary public grades presented the progress from 1875 to 1950.

Starting with the founding of Brooke Hall and Shortlidge Academy. They went into a Virginia reel, then demonstrated the gay nineties doing a two-step, then demonstrated the spanish influence.

## Rolling Hoops

A popular game of the 1900's followed, rolling hoops, after which they re-enacted the laying of the corner stone of the present school in 1914.

The World War period of 1917 to 1919 followed with songs of the period, then came an impressive display on the churches, with the children in robes.

The navy day was used to represent World War II, in contrast to the army for the previous war, and then came the children who were happy over the restoration of peace to the world in 1946. Finally the babies of 1950, those who would most likely celebrate Media's sesquicentennial, ended the divisional pageant.

In conclusion all the children formed a gigantic wheel in the center of the field, representing progress through the years, singing "Hail Media" while the national emblem dominated the hub of the formation.

A most impressive sight and undertaking, the program was directed by Mrs. Margaret Fox, as general chairman. Assisting her were the teachers of the various grades: Mrs. Slavin, Mrs. Hanford, Mrs. Damon and Miss Damron, Mrs. Miller, Miss Ellison, Mrs. Cadmon, Miss Evans, Miss Appleton and M. Brack, and others. J. Calhoun was also in a directorial post.

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## Youth Day Program

### 'America, The Beautiful'

After the Media public schools performance the more than 200 students of the parochial school of Nativity BVM Church, who had patiently sat in the sun waiting their turn, took the field. The older ones had white shirts with red ties, and were led by the American flag.

They represented "America, the Beautiful." They recounted the blessings and progress of the nation, supported by excellent choral work from a V formation. The smaller children, decorated in the national colors recited and sang, while two excellent narrators told the story.

The entire program demonstrated the beautiful land and the necessity for dedication to church and God for its preservation.

Well coached, the parochial school children provided a splendid finale to an afternoon of pageantry.

Responsible for the work was Father Shay, and Sister Louise and her associated Sisters of St. Francis.

The children of all three schools who participated were:

Those from the Media public schools who participated were:

**Kindergarten**—Mrs. Slavin, teacher; David Brown, Douglas Brown, Teddy Cartese, Tim Dolman, Wayne Durboraw, Encie Green, Linda Habbersett, Kenny Kenning-sen, David Johnson, Betsy Klenk, Beryl Leamy, Darlene Lockwood, Susanne Naylor, Freddy Patterson, Walter Patterson, Nicky Reynolds, Toby Spike, Connie Wilson, Gretchen Wood, George Brown, Chic Hamlin, Juan Baughn, Juanita Boughn, Ernest Carter, Jimmy Cunningham, Roger Demos, Richard Gamriel, Chickie Hatton, Ruth Harper, Debra Hundley, George Huss, Judy Johnson, Tony Kupstas, Dianne Lee, Bobby Lees, Dick Lindenmuth, Anna Lynch, Scottie Mahan, Vorkey McCray, Geoffrey Miles, Bonnie Parks, Roger Pratt, Bruce Ritz, Barbara Rudnick, Bobby Tilghman, Jack Warfield, Kathy Weglarski and Sue White.

**1st grade**—Mrs. Hanford, teacher; Joanne Boucher, Corliss DeJanney, Shirley Edwards, Margith Ferguson, Barbara Greenwood, Peggy Har-riz, Bonnie Hazen, Carol Mulford, Mary Lou Palmer, Anne Patterson, Lois Rigby, Nancy Robinson, Sue Russell, Barbara Thompson, Barbara Wenlock, Sally Anne Malseed, Fred Boyce, Mark Friedman, Bobby Habbersett, Bobby Kaufman, Jimmy Lewis, Jimmy McGoughey, Billy Mulford, Harlan Rigby, Clayton Snear, Jay Steigelman and Doyle Thomas.

**1st grade**—Mrs. Damon and Miss Damron, teachers; Billy Brantner, George Cox, Jimmy Doud, Harry Hillier, Paul Huss, Ian North, Pat Patterson, Richard Perry, Alice Alberts, Nancy Brady, Ruth Carter, Ann Curtis, Joan Gibson, Carol Ann Goebel, Barbara Goodman, Suzanne Hazlett, Connie Mansell, Susan McCulloch, Mary Mae Morris, Dottie Lou Plotts, Kathy Powell, Joan Rob-bins, Loretta Somerville, Marion Somerville, Judy Williams, Jack Bromley, Douglas Carter, Louis De-Shields, Thomas Fields, Joseph Henry, Reginald Oveidi, Charles

Sales, Earl Smith, Samuel Stelma, Dewey Sanders, Rachel Baker, Suzanne Barlow, Barbara Colbert, Patsy Laws, Linda Po le, Jean Shoemaker, Nancy Smith, Susan Thomas, Karen Tolson, Rue Turne, Peggy Weedon, Jane Wohnus, Gladys Kirkbride, Joan Rosenberg, Linda Lea Tims.

**2nd grade**—Mrs. Miller, teacher; Richard Daltry, Larry Sorkenn, James Gibson, Ronald Parkcr, Robert Parsons, John Sn. or, James Gabriel, John Pittock, William Yar-wood, Joanne Meiser, Barbara From-ley, Margaret Crothers, Carol Lynne Crowl, Carol Ann Faulkner, Alma Green, Kathy Hall, Dolores Haw-kins, Patricia Ives, Betty Ann Krousse, Carole Lee McGaughey, Lynne Miles, Phyllis Page, Jane Jackson, Margaret Pine, Joyce White, Eddie Russell, Richard Baughn, Charles Martin, Robert Perry.

**2d grade**—Miss Ellison, teacher; Elwood Benson, Emmanuel Benson, Joe De Shields, Bill De Shields, Nel-son Drake, Charles Etheridge, Jack Fitzgerald, John Hipple, Jonas Hughes, Betsy Hammond, Jim Klenk, Harold Krausse, Susan Lind-say, Sherry Lockwood, Malcolm Laughead, Naomi Randolph Stan-ley Simpson, Raymond Sumerville, Donald Tillman, Joan Thomas, Charles Vernon and Johnny Vail.

**3d grade**—Mrs. Cadman, teacher; Peter Hillier, Lee Merkel, Ruth Buz-zard, Joyce Edwards, William Smith, Gayle Fenton, Eleanor Hammond, Betsy Harriz, Maryln McElroy Jac-queline Payne, Peggy Shirley, Betty Tate, Faith Wallin, Douglas Berry Kenny Fish, Jack Flounders, Ray-mond Freeman, Edward Gabany, Gilbert Johnson, Donald Keim, Leonard Sales, Thomas Simms, and Arthur Wolfe.

**Special class**—Miss Rook, teacher; Gloria Laws, Annie May West, Bobby Day and Frank Roberts.

**3d grade**—Miss Evans, teacher; Judith Arters, Winifred Brown, Pa-tricia Chandler, Roberta Edelman, Shirley Evans, Jo Ann Ferguson, Joan Gabany, Judith Gordanier, Priscilla Kerr, Barbara Koch, Pa-tricia Hamlin, Gwendolyn Hawkins, Carol Lynn McFall, Sally Pierce, Sally Reynolds, Doreene Simpson, Judith Thiel, Nancy Thomas, James Boyce, William Koupt, Wayne Mor-ris, Bunce Pierce, Barry Price, Charles Smith, John Van Leer, John Warfel.

**4th grade** — Margaret C. Fox, teacher; Patty Aiken, William Rigby, Maryjane Allam, Rosella Anderson, Pamela Baker, Elizabeth Croters, Elizabeth De Shields, Carol Flound-ers, Francina Hardcastle, Florence Hall, Blanche Hazlett, Margaret Hig-gins, Nina Hires, Carolyn MacAs-kill, Mary Lou McGaughey, Eileen Robinson, Jean Seeburger, Elizabeth Ann Shirley, Lee Arters, Garrett Bogardus, Alan Davis, Addison Dur-borow, Thomas Edwards, Russell Freeman, James Grayson, George Green, John Laughead, Henry Lee, James Meiser, Nelson Nichols, Bruce Parsons, Frank Van Leer, Kendall Wentz, John Worrlow, Robert Suter.

**5th grade**—Miss Appleton and Mr. Brack, teachers; Ronnie Rodger, narrator; Connie Brown, Joan Fow-ler, Jo Anne Hall, Marcia Leamy, Delphene Lewis, Donna Mathues, Judy Palmer, Mary Jane Whit-more, Jeanette Wolfe, John Arm-strong, Paul Heimer, Barry Klenk, Bobby Lewis, Walter Miles, Ronnie Rodgers, Jean De Shields, Emma Duemler, Jane Evans, Carolyn Handy, Barbara Johnson, Evelyn Novotni, Barbara Rodenboh, Ruth Sales, Marie Sampson, Shirley Sampson, Betty Shortlidge, Joanne Snear, Nancy Van Winkle, Barbara Brohn, Vernoi Adams, Jerry Ar-ters, George Banghart, Donald Bo-gardus, Arthur Bond, James Day, Larry Greenfield, Donald Hammond, Arthur Jones, John Krausse, Lewis Krausse, Gilbert Lytle, Steve Reynolds, Joe Shortlidge, James Smith, Lonnie Somerville, Kersey Townsend, Jack Vinokur.

**6th grade**—Shirley Thompson, Nelson Rigby, Herbert Anmuth, Ol-iver Baker, Charles Berger, Rudy Berry, James Brodie, Margaret Christopher, Carol Colbert, Mildred Colbert, Patty Crowl, Robert Brown, Charles Cox, Donald D'Alterio, Mike Davis, Bobby Dilworth, Jimmy Ding-gee, Bruce Downing, Wilmer Evans, Edward Gibson, Tom Hazlett, Mar-lin Miles, Roger Parks, Nelson Rigby, Bill Strine, Bobby Valenti, Buddy Van Horn, Lancelot West, Jack Wil-son, Ralph Wilson, Beverly De-Janney, Fay Faulkner, Barbara Gib-son, Barbara Hanley, Judy Hufford, Kay Johnson, Helen McFall, Helena Roberts, Shirley Saunders, Norma Shearer, Jane Smith, Shirley Thompson, Rose Tate, Dian Tims, Carolyn Wentz, Pauline Wright.

Media Friends School pupils who took part were:

**Musicians**—John Sears, Margaret McCouch, Margaret Gummere, Rich-ard Gummere, and Betsy Beatty.

**Announcers**—Bobby Haworth, Marian Dawson, Michael Kendig, Mary Jane Harvey.

**1st grade**—Tommy Barker, Lin-ton Batten, Keene Corin, Kristi Eis-enberg, Lois Ann Feldman, Duff Gummere, Billy Kraft, Bobby Mail-lart, Mary Louise Mancill, Susan Miller, Bennie Sears, Catherine Sweeney, and Elissa Woodbury.

**2d grade** — Darlene Butterworth, Dorothy Collman, Paul Darlington 3d, Gwyneth Elkinton, Nina Jean Kapp, Paul Katsuki, Ann Leary, David Paul and Rebecca Rigler.

**Upper Form**—Ann Haworth, Bobby Houghton, Tommy Elkinton, Fern Margoline, Terry Jane Sheldon, Bobby Rose, Donnie McCouch, Roian Sweeney, Louise Emmons, Nadea Klumbach, Carol Ann Smith, Judy Woodbury, Bobby Haworth, Chalmer Kirkbride, Boyd Hamilt, Michael Hamilton, Betsy Beatty, Suzanne Heritage, Mary Jane Harvey, Mar-ian Dawson, Michael Kendiz, Mar-ian Dawson, Kathryn Emmons, Mary Jane Harvey.

**America, The Beautiful**—Nativity BVM.

**Heralds**: Joseph Daller, Joseph Dawson.

**Vocal Chorus**: Leroy Highfield, John Hurst, John Lewis, Joseph Yungwirth, Donald Carter, Robert Dunn, Carlos Eller, John Harvey, James Smedley, Nicholas Theodore, William West, Peter DiDonato, James McGettigan, James Ahern,

Joseph Hager, Joseph Hansell, Harry Lanning, Gerald Lewis, Dennis Cor-nog, Eugene Gallagher, Joyce Bean, Theresa DeRosa, Alice Ellwood, Anne Hefferan, Rosemary McDevitt, Elizabeth Logue, Wilhelmina Stokes, Gloria Tancredi, Patricia Ahern, Mary Anne Butler, Agnes Cum-mings, Dolores Lombardozzi, Ce-cilia Luglio, Bernice McLaughlin, Ann McManus, Gertrude Platt, Pa-tricia Curran, Rosemary Eller, Eliz-abeth Ellwood, Ann Ferguson, Marie Fluharty, Connie Guth, Janice King, Catherine Summersgill, Maryrose Ulshafer, Thelma Woolford, Ann Dooner, Ann Dougherty, Josephine Gallo, Patricia Hanway, Arlene Highfield, Mary Ross, Edith Stokes, Barbara Weare, Gail Weathers, Pa-tricia Pentheny.

**Flag Drill**: Rudolph Guth, John House, Alfonso LeBue, Charles Le-veque, Anthony Lewis, James Mc-Vaugh, William Walters, Francis Harvey, William Ahern, William Butler, Henry Darlington, Richard Dunn, James Fluharty, John Weare, Eileen Hefferan, Sarah Smith, Helen Dawson, Veralee Diamond, Alice Dooner, Patricia Dougherty, Lois Grant, Ann Marie Guth, Anne F-ger, Sarah Hansell, Dianne Love-land, Jeanette Youngwirth, Regina Guth, Elizabeth Balzer, Maryellen English, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Joanne McCabe, Sara Thomas.

**Wishbone Speakers**: John Walls, Robert Walls, John Eller, Michael West, Janet Zanzinger, Anne Lan-ning, Dona Highfield.

**Flag Learner**: Joseph Dougherty.  
**Tap Dancer**: Shelia Boherg.

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## Belles and Beaux

# Crinolines, Calico Set Style At Gay Centennial Ball

By DORIS B. WILEY

Media danced through the decades on Tuesday night.

Hundreds of couples in hand-me-downs so old they are heirlooms of a fashionable past gathered in Media High School's gymnasium to add a terpsichorean touch to Media's centennial celebration.

Calico, crinoline, crepe de chine, beaded satin, velvet and lace, straw hats and stove pipes, cloches and feathered cartwheels marked the years in which Media grew up.

An organized recollection of the past was provided by Media High School students, who, under the direction of Grace Porter, music department head, staged four dance numbers.

### The Perennial Polka

In costumes of the second half of the 19th century, the dancers performed the polka, which paced its way from the 1850 period of peace and plenty, through the southern secession and the economic revolution. The polka dancers: Don Harritz, Bobz Hipple, Roland Johnson, Lewis Boughner, Lee Morrison, David Council, Larry Mattson, Richard Coolbaugh.

Also Cecilia LeSturgeon, Peg Dingee, Pat Tims, Alice Duemmel, Connie Williamson, Hilda Laven, Frances Hannum and Carol Logan.

Next on the program of exhibition dances was the modern tap dance, a product of the musical comedy '30s. The tap dancers included Peggy Dingee, Frances Hannum, Shirley Reagan, Cecilia LeSturgeon, Gerry Weiss, Betty Ann McKnight, Hilda Laven, Kathryn Widdoes and Betty Lou Young.

### Doin' the Charleston

Then came the dance which made many a parent look nostalgic as their teenage children went into a Charleston routine. In the spirit of '26, the youngsters (who have just gotten over a jitterbug craze) gave a realistic reproduction of the post World War I dance floor antics. They were: Richard Coolbaugh, David Council, Don Harritz, Bob Hipple, Roland Johnson, Jordan Rich, Frank Gordon, Francis Springer.

Also Frances Hannum, Peggy Dingee, Virginia Crow, Pat Tims, Gerry Weiss, Betty Ann McKnight, Joan Handy and Barbara Roberts.

### Waltztime in Media

Then came the nostalgic waltz which more than spanned the century. The waltztime dancers included Elton Richards, George Abernathy, Gabriel Vinokus, Roland Johnson, David Council, Donal Wilson, Paul Raudenbush, Richard Coolbaugh, Don Harritz, Larry Mattson, Bob Hipple.

Also Joan Gourley, Ann Tuckerman, Betty Ann McKnight, Barbara Roberts, Gerry Weiss, Shirley Reagan, Roberta McClure, Frances Han-

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## Media Ball

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num, Virginia Crow, Hilda Laven and Pat Tims.

One of the big hits of the evening was the grand march, a promenade of grand dames, elegant gentlemen, gentle ladies, dignified dons, flappers and dapper dans.

### Parade of Fashion

Outstanding in the parade of fashion was 2-month-old Diane Drake, in a 75-year-old dress.

She was carried in the arms of her aunt, Mrs. Marie Way, dressed in a black dress which belonged to her husband's great grandmother. The pre-Civil War dress included a red and black wool shawl and a beaded leather purse.

Mrs. Way's husband, Charles Way, was attired in his great grandfather's frock suit with a stove-pipe hat to match his Lincolnian beard. To make the family group complete was Nelson Drake, 8, Diane's brother.

### Mother's Wedding Dress

Looking exactly like 1922, Ruth Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril H. Harvey, wore her mother's white crepe de chine wedding dress. She had her brown hair caught up in puff under a net, much the same way her mother wore it 28 years ago.

Mrs. Harvey, principal at Media Friends' School, was gowned in a gray and black Quaker dress, the skirt of which was worn by Mrs. Price at Chalkey Palmer's wedding in 1886. Mr. Harvey, a teacher at Friends Central, wore a post-bellum (Civil War) suit.

sweaters. Among these were Peggy Raetz, in beaded brown satin, escorted by Bob Fulton in an orange V-necked sweater and white knickers. Others in the 20s were Walter Kearney, Edie Lintzmeyer, Larry Weathers, Tommy Morris, Nancy Weathers, Dick Weathers, Jean Weathers, and Mrs. Clifford Harritz. A lightly lower hemline, marking the beginning of the Depression Thirties, was worn by Esther Worst. Her escort was dressed in the male attire of the Thirties.

### Her Own Wedding Shoes

Mrs. Anna Wasson, in a white satin wedding gown, went back to the earlier 1900s, when movies, muckrackers and flying machines were something new. A white net and satin was worn by Mrs. Hugh Bonner, who wore her own white satin wedding slippers to the ball.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wenlock went all the way back to 1820 for their striking costumes and Mr. and Mrs. George Keiser looked smart in the fashions of 1870. Mrs. Jane Cable was dressed in an 1890 gown and Mrs. Marianne Crowley wore a turn of the century gown.

The youngsters were not to be outdone by their elders and Betsey Crowthers, 9, and Mary Jane Allen, 10, wore gowns of the 1875 period. Also in that period were the dresses of JoAnne Hall, 11, and Betty Ann Shirley, 10. Barbara Bruhn's dress dated back to 1850.

### Media's Queen in Blue

And Patty Highfield, Miss Greater Media, looked her prettiest in a filmy pale blue gown. She was escorted to the ball by Frederick Brumble of Springfield. As guest of honor, she danced many a dance

Outstanding representatives of the Gay Ninety period were Mrs. Joseph Egan of New York City, Mrs. Robert Tschirky of Media, and Mrs. Leopold Tschirky, of Rosemont. They were gowned in elaborate lace dresses with brooches at the throat and topped by enormous feathered cartwheel leghorns.

### Gay Nineties

Also in the Gay Nineties mood were Wallace (Bud) Arters, in a checked suit and straw hat, and Rosemary Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Crowl were a striking couple in costumes, circa 1870, and their daughter, Carol Lynne, 7, wore a striped peppermint taffeta pinafore 150 years old.

The Fred Mannos were glamorous as Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara, with hooped skirt and bonnet for Scarlett and cutaway for Rhett.

Mrs. Lances McKnight also wore a hooped skirt with a fur-trimmed off-the-shoulder neckline, in a period about 1895.

### Pearl Earring Lost

One of the casualties of the evening was the loss of an 100-year-old pearl drop earring belonging to Leslie Alyanakian, who was wearing an 100-year-old brown taffeta gown.

Looking smart in a black bowler was George W. Lentz, who with his wife in black lace, represented the late 1870s—when the talking machine was being talked about.

### A Southern Belle

Ellen Kelley looked quaint in an 100-year-old muslin with duster cap and shawl, and Betty Lou Wellner was a southern belle of the St. Louis heyday vintage.

The roaring Twenties were well represented with a variety of flapper dresses, knickers and V-necked

with her father, Officer Highfield of the Media police.

Joseph Martin was master of ceremonies for the affair and Clarence Furman's orchestra provided the music.

Patrons and patronesses for the ball were: Mr. and Mrs. M. James Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Merkle, Miss Elizabeth Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Barrall, Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Calhoun, Ronald Berger, Norene Bradbury, and Miss Media and her escort.

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### HELP DEDICATE MEMORIAL AS MEDIA MARKS CENTENARY

Four veterans stand at attention as taps are sounded at the dedication of a monument to Second World War veterans during the opening yesterday of an eight-day centennial celebration in Media, Delaware county. They are (left to right) Arthur Wiltshire, Jr., Jack Kelley, Jr., James Warfield and T. Franklin Fields, Jr. The beards were grown for the centennial. Monument was unveiled by Pamela Baker, 10.

## Media Observes Centenary Rites

With a big military parade and other features, Media, Delaware county seat, yesterday opened an eight-day centennial celebration.

The observation marks the 100th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the borough by the Pennsylvania Legislature, which at the same time—1850—transferred the county seat from Chester to Media—until then a small farming community.

### 15,000 SEE PARADE

More than 15,000 people watched the three-mile long parade, which included the 111th Infantry combat team with 1200 men and 35 pieces of mechanized equipment participating, units of the 166th Field Artillery Battalion, the 644th Combat Engineers, the Second Army Band, from Fort Meade, Md., detachments of Marines and sailors from the Philadelphia Naval Base, and a number of Drum and Bugle Corps.

At 4 P. M. a memorial monument to Media veterans of The Second World War was dedicated on the Media High School grounds, and after that a chemical warfare demonstration was held on the aviation field just outside the town, with specialists from Fort Meade participating.

The plaque unveiled contained 698 names with 19 gold stars.

### QUEEN IS CROWNED

Last night on the high school athletic field several thousands of persons gathered to witness the coronation of 18-year-old Patty Highfield as "Miss Greater Media." The crown was placed on her head by Burgess J. Fred. Schultz. This event was followed by a competition of eight drum and bugle corps.

The winner was the Raymond P. Osmond VFW Post of Philadelphia, national and State VFW champions. They were followed by the Upper Darby American Legion Post, Pennsylvania Legion champions; Bracken American Legion Post of Bristol; Wills-Gale VFW Post, Atlantic City; Yearsley VFW Post, Germantown; Hamilton American Legion Post, Bordertown, N. J.; Horn-Roth-Weiss VFW Post, Philadelphia, and Tri-Community (Marple-Newtown-Edgemont) representing VFW post of West Chester.

Today centennial services will be held in the borough's churches. A community service will be held at 2 P. M. on the south plaza of the Court House, and another community service will be held in the evening in Glen Providence Park.

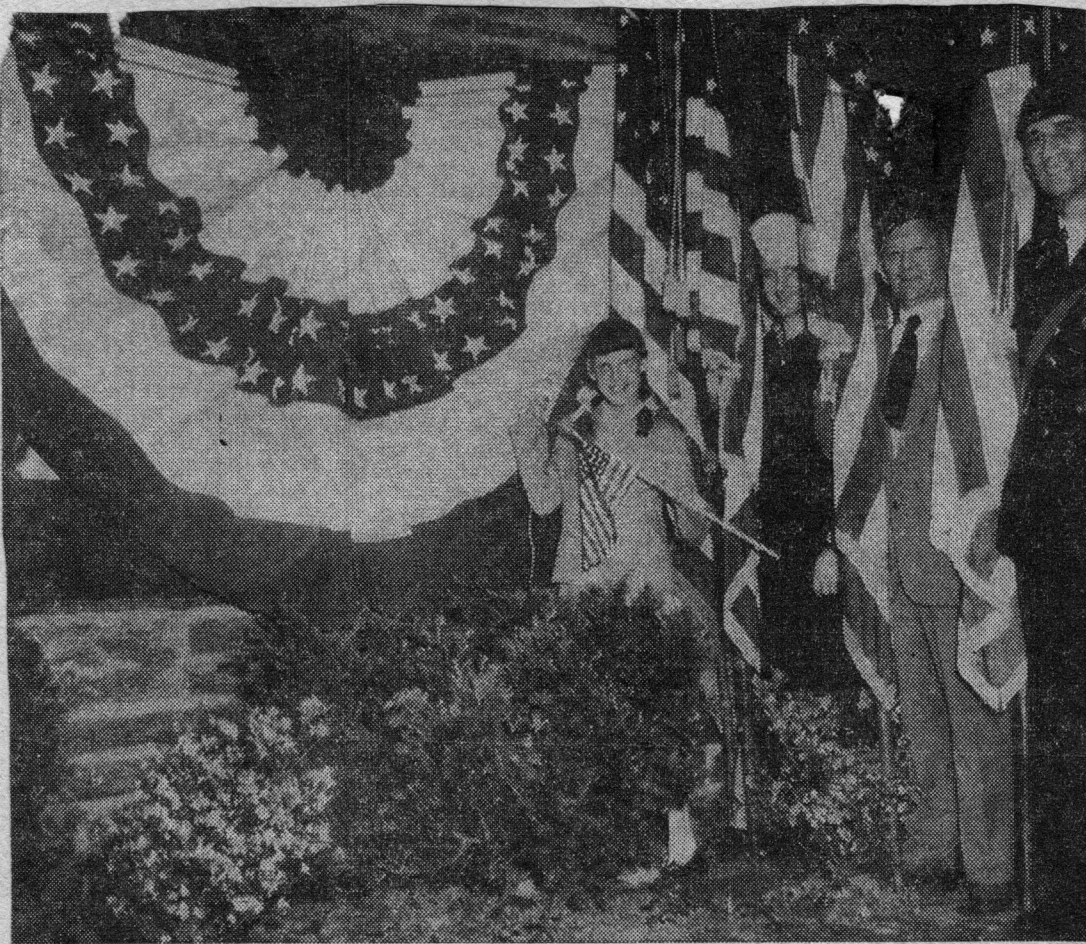
### DUFF TO SPEAK

The Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Association, and its auxiliary, will hold their 21st annual reunion.

Tomorrow Gov. James H. Duff is scheduled to speak in Glen Providence Park.

Tuesday will be "Youth Day"; Wednesday will feature a civic parade; on Thursday another parade will mark "Women's Day."

Friday will be observed as "Borough Day," with drills by the Lu Lu Temple Patrol and music by the Lu Lu Temple Band. Next Saturday most Delaware county fire companies will participate in a final parade.



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**DAUGHTER OF A MEDIA HERO**—Pretty 9-year-old Pamela Baker, daughter of Capt. Milford Baker, one of Media's war dead, is shown holding the cord and ready to unveil the war memorial which records in bronze the name of her father with those of the other men and women who served from Media during World War II. She is flanked by the massed colors of the Legion posts, and Media's guard of honor.



## Pretty Maids from Out of the Past



Pupils of Media Friends School are a picture of various expressions in their Quaker costumes as they prepare to stage dance, "Friendly Ways," in school pageant feature of the borough centennial celebration yesterday. They are (from left) Dorothy Coleman, Susan Miller, Darlene Butterworth, Cathy Sweeney, Mary E. Mancilli and Louise C. Corin

## School Bands March in Media

### Give Entertainment After Review

Music is taking the spotlight today in Media's centennial celebration with a gala day-long musical festival.

The fifth day's program marking the 100th anniversary of the borough opened with a parade of school bands to the high school athletic field.

A parade and review of the Glen Mills School Cadet units by Miss Greater Media followed. Participating units in the performances included the Glen Mills, Nether Providence, Sharon Hill and Media High School bands.

Tonight, the Ridley Township High School state championship band will parade on the field at 6.45, followed by a twilight parade to Glen Providence Park for an entertainment program.

Both the Ridley and Media high school bands will take part in the latter performance along with the Media School chorus, Williamson School Glee Club, Folk dancing and renditions of a barber shop quartet will also feature the program.

Tomorrow's program, designated as Women's Day, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Walter P. Bodine, will open with a historical pilgrimage beginning at 10 A. M. A pageant, "Media Through the Years," sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media, will highlight the day's events.

Several thousand persons took part in yesterday's "Youth Day" program, which was climaxed by a costume ball.

## Circle Around, Kiddies



PRACTICING THE SQUARE DANCE in preparation for the Centennial are members of the Media Friends' School. Left to right are John Sears, Caller, Mary Jane Harvey, Michael Kending, Michael Hamilton, Chalmer Kirkbride, Suzanne Heretage, Bobby Howarth, Marian Dawson, Boyd Hamilton, Katherine Emmons, Carol Ann Smith and Louise Emmons.

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# Twilight Parade to Climax Media Civic Day Exercises

By CHARLES H. RUSSELL

Today is Civic Day in Media's centennial celebration, but youth dominates the afternoon program. Drilling and marching of Glen Mills School cadets and bands of three high schools fill the program scheduled for the afternoon, starting with the arrival of the boys from Glen Mills at 1.15.

At the conclusion of the events on the athletic field, the Glen Mills cadets are to be escorted back to Media station at 4.45 p. m.

At 6.45, just before taking part in the twilight parade the Ridley Township High School band, one of the top scholastic organizations of this area, will do a "display parade" on the school athletic field.

The parade will start to form on Monroe st., northward from State st., at 7 o'clock, ready to swing into motion at 7.30.

## Service Clubs to March

Civic, veteran and commercial floats, with numerous marchers, will make up one of the finest parades of the week's celebration.

The town's four service clubs, Rotary, Lions, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Exchange Club, will be in the parade with floats and some men on foot. Media Lions are asking men with beards to join in their portion of the parade, as the whisker program is sponsored by the Lions.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both with their auxiliaries, will be in the line of march. So will Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Media Boys' Club.

Women's organizations will in-

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## Civic Day

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clude the Media Mothers' Club, Lima Women's International League and Business and Professional Women's Club of Media.

## Floats in Line

There will be a float from the Media Business Men's Association. Other organizations will be Delaware County Aviation Club, Community Art Center and Westtown School.

Commercial entries, including floats, will be by Snowden's, Wawa Dairies, Oscar Mayer, Gweiss bakery, Habberset's, Media Co-op, Beam Buick, Lines Motor Co., Weathers (of Lima) and the Welcome Wagon.

Music in the parade will include bands of Media High School, Collingdale High School, Ridley Township High School, Elwyn Training School and Sharon Hill High School.

## Night Music Festival

A music festival of 22 numbers starts in the athletic field at 9 p. m.

Walter M. Strine and Francis R. Austin, co-chairmen of Civic Day, believe it to be a fitting climax for the day's events.

Opening with call to the colors, by Alfred White, the school bands of Ridley Township and Media will play "Our Director," by Bigelow, featuring the entrance of the colors by the high school units of Sharon Hill, Collingdale, Ridley Township and Media.

The crowd will join in the national anthem.

The Media Centennial Chorus of 100 voices will sing the stirring "Battle Hymn of the Republic," followed with "It's Spring," by Boland.

With Richard Frame as drum soloist, the Ridley Township band will render "Grandfather's Drum," by Catling.

## Folk Dancing

Fifteen minutes of folk dancing, by Rose Valley dancers and American Folkways, will include square, round, contra and couple dances; a quadrille, a southern schottische, and the typical square dance done today in the Media area.

The "Connecticut March," played by Media school band, will be featured by acrobatic twirling by Frances Hannum.

Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," by Ridley Township band

will be accompanied by Walter M. String jr., on the marimba.

The McBride brothers trio will sing, and they will be followed by the Centennial Chorus in "Just 100 Years," by Fryberg, with high school festival dancers doing the polka.

## Final Beard Judging

During an intermission in the musical program, at 10 p. m. the judges in the beard growing contest will make their final selection of the five classes of beards. Last Saturday afternoon two were picked from each class. Next Friday night the "most popular" beard will be selected, as well as the holder of a special number among the "beardless permits."

The program will continue with "His Honor," by H. Fillmore, by Ridley Township band. Next will be a selection by the glee club of Williamson Free Trade School.

Media band will do its usual fine job with "Dry Bones," arranged by Yoder, one of the most popular players and listeners.

Elizabeth Louise White will contribute a vocal solo and there will be a vocal solo by Charles Alyankian. In between these vocal numbers the Ridley Township band will do the "Billboard March," with twirlers and majorettes adding to the effect.

## Charleston Dance

Festival dancers will do a Charleston, followed by the "Washington Post March," by the Media band.

The program will end with selections from the "Merry Widow," by Lehar, with the festival dancers doing the waltz.

Directors of high school bands will be Charles Yeagley, Collingdale; Marie W. Sidorsky, Ridley Township; Robert W. Childs, Sharon Hill, and John W. Childs, Media. Directing the Elwyn band will be Frank Stockbine. Arthur S. Yeaw is director of the Williamson glee club and Miss Grace L. Porter directs the chorus. The folk dancing program has been arranged by Frederick W. Echelmeyer and William R. Hunn.

John M. Sepella is director of the Nether Providence High School band, and Harvey Thomas of the Glen Mills band, on the afternoon program.

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**A CENTURY ROLLS BACK AT TYLER**—Mrs. Charles G. Whittaker, wife of the superintendent of the Tyler Arboretum in Middletown Township (left) admires a rose with Mrs. Wallace Blakeslee, of Wawa, chairman of the County Gardeners, most of whom came in costume to direct visitors about the grounds. Mrs. Whittaker is the founder of the garden club. Nearly 1000 made a pilgrimage to the farm upon which Minshall Painter, the man who named Media, worked and studied with his brother Jacob over 100 years ago.



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**MISS NAN DUTTON A WINNER**—When this picture was taken Miss Nan, who has resided in Media for the Chester Times for 55 years, beloved by every resident in the borough, did not know that her house had been selected as the one to receive the \$25 government bond for being the best decorated in the borough. Later at the athletic field she almost fainted when she received the award.



# Media 'Cops' Use Big Derrick To Dunk 425-Pound Smoothie

Media's "keystone cops" were up to their comedy capers again last night as more than 4,000 persons on the high school athletic field cheered them on.

The whiskered officers in their 1880 garb held a mock trial for 425-pound Johnny Valenti on charges of violating the borough's "beard or else" law. The cleanly-shaven former Media High and University of Pittsburgh football player was found guilty and sentenced to "a dunking in the community tub."

Members of the Lions Club, sponsors of the beard gimmick, hauled out the tub, but failed in several attempts to lift Valenti into it.

The masters of mirth, who have continually added zip to the borough's 100th anniversary celebration, then hauled out a derrick—the type used for installing telephone poles—and raised the 425-pound man into the tub.

Water splashed onto the field and Valenti, who was too big for a complete dousing, became lodged against the sides of the tub about half way down. The cops decided, however, that the sentence was carried out.

The 4,000 persons gathered on the field also witnessed the final judging of the club's beard growing contest, and a musical festival presented by Media and Ridley Township high school bands, Williamson School Glee Club and the McBride Brothers' Barber Shop Quartet.

Charles Way won the prize for the most distinguished beard. He had an Abraham Lincoln type and he also wore a high hat of that era.

Other winners were Jack Kelly, most unusual trick beard, goatee type with handlebar mustache; Harry McLeod, bushiest; Charles Parker, whitest, and Francis Cunningham, reddest.

Hal Moore, WCAU announcer, served as master-of-ceremonies in place of Crosby L. Smith, who is recuperating in Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, from an operation.

Earlier in the evening, the town's businessmen, and civic, service and fraternal organizations staged an hour-long parade. Four school bands, Glen Mills, Nether Providence, Sharon Hill and Media, participated in an afternoon music program. The day's events were under the general chairmanship of Walter M. Strine.

Today — sixth of the eight-day centennial celebration — is dedi-

## Phillies' Head Pays Visit to Media Fete

Bob Carpenter, president of the Phillies, is a special visitor at the Media centennial celebration today.

The popular baseball club official will be taken on a tour of county institutions and is scheduled to attend several features on today's program with his host, Frank Dotts, local Republican Party leader.

cated to the women.

The highlight of the program, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Walter P. Bodine, will be a pageant, "Media Through the Years," to be held in the park, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media, at 9 P. M.

Miss Nan L. Dutton, veteran newspaper woman, will be honored during the program along with Pat Highfield, 18-year-old brunette who has reigned as Miss Greater Media throughout the festivities.

A parade, "Promenade of Yesteryear," will be held at 7 P. M. Participants will be dressed in costumes of years gone by.

## Parade, Show To Feature Women's Day

Pilgrimages to historical places, exhibits, a luncheon and a historical pageant are included in the Women's Day program of Media's centennial on Thursday.

The two outstanding features arranged by Mrs. Walter P. Bodine and Mrs. Walter E. Wentz jr., co-chairmen, are parade of women's organizations in the "Promenade of Yesteryear" and the historical pageant.

The parade starts at 7 p. m. Many floats will be seen and marching individuals will be in costume. Men, women, boys and girls are invited to take part.

The parade will start at Monroe and State sts., and will proceed out State st., to Glen Providence. Judges will be on the steps of the postoffice. In the parade will be Media High School Band and Twirlers and the Elwyn Training School Band.

### To Present Pageant

Starting at 9 p. m. in Glen Providence will be the pageant, "Media Through the Years," sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media.

The script, written by Miss Mary Williamson, has been directed by Mrs. Helen Rhodes Warwick. Following a prologue, which will tell the story of the start of Media, there will be 11 episodes. A host of men and women have gone through a number of rehearsals to perfect their scenes. Between each setting the narrative continues, so that the complete saga of Media's 100 years is presented.

An outstanding episode depicts the first court trial in Media, in which Judge Henry G. Sweney impersonates Judge Henry Chapman. Other

### Open House Tea

From 2 to 4 p. m. there will be an open house tea in the building of the Women's Club of Media, at 423 S. Jackson st. Refreshments will be served by the junior and senior women's clubs. Mrs. George T. Lewis, Mrs. Francis R. Austin and a committee will have charge of the tea.

In the Women's Club there will be exhibits of art by local artists, with Mrs. Charles A. Dennis in charge; an exhibition of crafts, Mrs. Norman B. Dutton, chairman, and a Girl Scout exhibition, downstairs, in charge of Mrs. A. Chester Wolfe.

Miss Nan L. Dutton is the guest of honor for Women's Day. All women over 75 years are cordially invited by the committee to attend

the open house tea as special guests of the Women's Club of Media.

Miss Greater Media will be present at the luncheon and tea and will lead the parade at 7 p. m. She will receive a presentation in Glen Providence at 8.30 p. m.

Women are asked to wear old-time costumes especially on Thursday.

# Beard Law in Hands Of Whiskered Cops

By ERNIE RAUM  
Of The Bulletin Staff

The Media Lions Club with its "beard or beardless permit law" is adding a zany zip to the borough's centennial celebration.

And—with only two exceptions to date—members of the organization have survived their enforced hilarity without incident.

The club, which notified the male population two months ago to grow a chin crop or buy a \$1 permit to go beardless, is strictly enforcing its "order" with penalties of tub-dunking and shackling violators to trees and poles.

Members of the club — many garbed in 1880 police uniforms — have been on a constant tour of the town in their ancient police patrol (borrowed in Wilmington) in search of the "law breakers."

### One Gets Bitten Finger

The only incidents marring the centennial capers of the "police-men" occurred over the week-end when one beardless man—sitting in his parked automobile—bit a finger of the pointed-hand of the "law enforcer" as he was being accused and a Media barber who drew a gun and forced another enforcer from his shop in highly disgruntled fashion.

The club also was confronted with a "serious situation" on the

opening day of the centennial when their bathtub for dunking the shaven disappeared from the courthouse lawn.

The tub was found several hours later, however, by the town's real policemen near Broomall's Dam. Every clean-shaven man in Media was immediately placed under suspicion.

Several—some believed staged — have taken the dip in the tub since its return. And many have been startled to see men shackled to poles and trees by the arms with ancient leg irons.

### Best Beards Wanted

The more serious side of the caper is a contest to determine the best grown "1850 beards" in five classes.

Nearly 100 men—and a few high school boys with just fuzz — displayed their chin crops in the first judging for the contest on Saturday.

Final judging will take place Wednesday night, while prizes in the five divisions and a grand prize will be presented at ceremonies Friday night.

The club has raised more than \$1,500 through the sale of beardless permits. Metal button permits were used up early in the caper and replaced with cardboard buttons. All proceeds raised will be turned over to the centennial committee.

characters in this scene are Hugh Bonner, Ralph L. Lindermuth, Edward Yarnall and Ambrose Smedley.

Other episodes show the first election, the sale of lots, a carpet-rag sewing party, an early wedding, a summer scene of 1870 and students of Brooke Hall and Shortlidge Academy.

### Old Pictures Shown

Two of the episodes show pictures of old Media, enlarged and projected on a screen. Mrs. Mabel Frantz was successful in locating many priceless old pictures of Media, nearly half a hundred of them.

The day's earlier events include bus rides that will point out historical places and buildings, a luncheon and a tea.

Starting from State and Edgmont sts. at 10 a. m. there will be buses to take visitors on historical pilgrimages of the town. The tour will consume nearly an hour and a second trip will start at 11 a. m. Bus rides are free. The tours will be conducted by Mrs. Walter E. Wentz jr. and Mrs. Almeda C. Howard.

A chicken salad luncheon will be served at First Methodist Church, W. State st., at moderate cost, under the supervision of Mrs. Crosby L. Smith. Originally listed from noon to 1 p. m., the committee has decided to start serving at 11 a. m. and continue until 2 p. m. The luncheon is open to the public, at moderate cost, and no reservations are needed.

From 1 to 2 p. m. there will be an exhibit of American Red Cross 18 volunteer services, Junior Red Cross and Public Health Nursing Service, at the Red Cross building, Front and Jackson sts.

These exhibits have been arranged by Mrs. Paris B. Andes, Mrs. W. Murray Ross and Mrs. Matthias C. Usinger.

At the same time there will be an exhibit of the Media Needlework Guild at 17 E. State st.

# Duff to Extend State Greetings Tonight at Media

More Than 10,000 Expected at Affair in Glen Providence Park

Governor Duff will extend the state's official greeting to 100-year-old Media Borough at tonight's centennial celebration program.

More than 10,000 persons—double the population of the county seat town—are expected to witness the evening providence in Glen Providence Park.

The governor's address will be preceded by a concert by the U. S. Air Force Band at 7.30 P. M. A one-hour-and-15 minute fireworks display, beginning at 9.15, will conclude the day's events.

Governor Duff is expected to arrive in Media shortly before 7 o'clock for a parade to the park. Congressman Benjamin F. James, state representatives and county officials will accompany the state leader.

## Smith Back in Hospital For Operation Today

Crosby L. Smith—Media's master-of-ceremonies for nearly every occasion—has been readmitted to Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, for a gall bladder operation.

The town tax collector, who personally saw every Media inductee off at the train station in World War II, was released from the same hospital to take part in the dedication of Media's war memorial on the school grounds on Saturday.

He is scheduled to undergo the operation today.

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### Tour of County

The centennial celebration entered its third day today with bus and conducted tours of county institutions and buildings.

The program committee, headed by Burgess J. Fred Schultz, was favored for the first time with ideal weather, indicating that large crowds will attend the featured programs of "County Day."

The highlight of the afternoon schedule will be a rodeo and trained dog acts given by State Police at 2.15 P. M. on Media School athletic field.

### Rain Mars Program

Several hundred persons attended programs yesterday, which were marred by morning rain. The featured service, scheduled to be held in Glen Providence Park, last night, was transferred earlier in the day because of rain to the school auditorium.

Limited seating in the auditorium forced officials to turn away a number of persons a half hour before the service was scheduled to start.

Dr. Francis H. Green, retired headmaster of Pennington School, who was born and raised at Booths Corner, was the principal speaker. He recalled the early days of Media's history.

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Media High School Chorus  
Miss Porter

Shelley beside goalpost  
in back row ↗

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VIRGINIA REEL—Students of Media elementary public schools performed the Virginia Reel for the Youth Day program Tuesday afternoon on the high school field. Over 350 children participated in this group showing the progress of events and cultural influences from 1875 to 1950. Elementary students from Friends, parochial and public schools participated.

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## BEARDS OF THE VOLUNTEERS . . .



Photo by Frank Zimmerman

Volunteer firemen of Media Fire Company have an outstanding collection of Centennial beards. Not one has been singed. Back row (left to right) Arthur Lees, Chief Charles Outland, Bernard Van Leer, William Markley. Front row (left to right): Harry Evans, Robert Tilghman, "Duke" Cunningham, Tom Harper, Lawrence Tillman, Bill Taylor, and Dick Lavery.

## CLOWNS AT HEART . . .

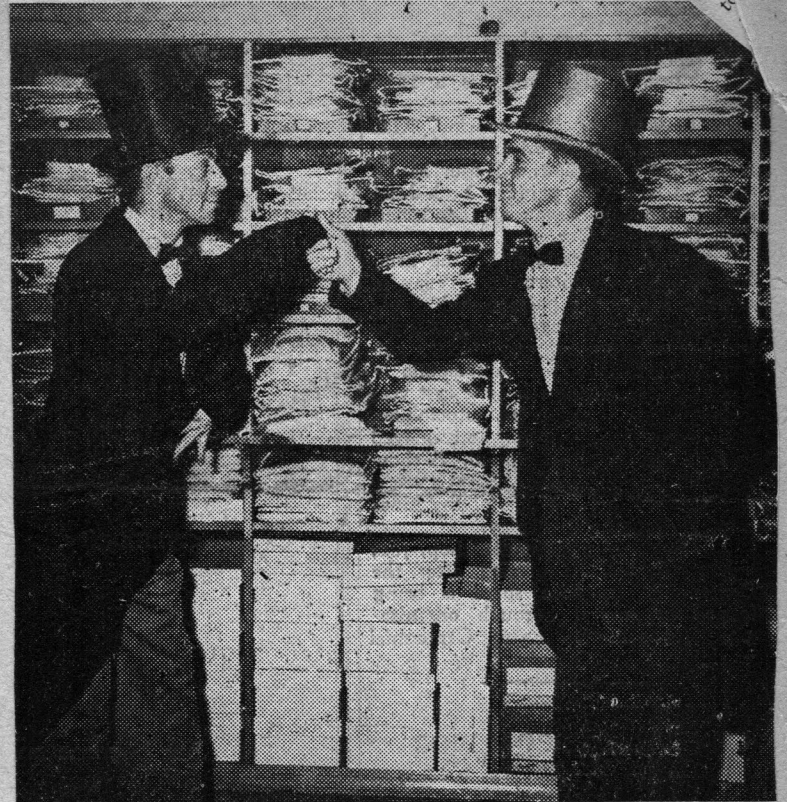


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MARTY LIPMAN

LEN PELL

Clowning in hats and coats of the vintage of 1850, Marty Lipman (the Esquire Store for Men) and Len Pell, of Jessup and Pell, Studebaker dealers. The hat Len is wearing is a genuine beaver. They are a part of an antique hat collection owned by the Dobbs hat manufacturing company and loaned to the Esquire Store for Men as a Centennial window display. The collection is worth several thousand dollars.

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## THE "EIGHT BEARDS" OF SNOWDEN'S . . .

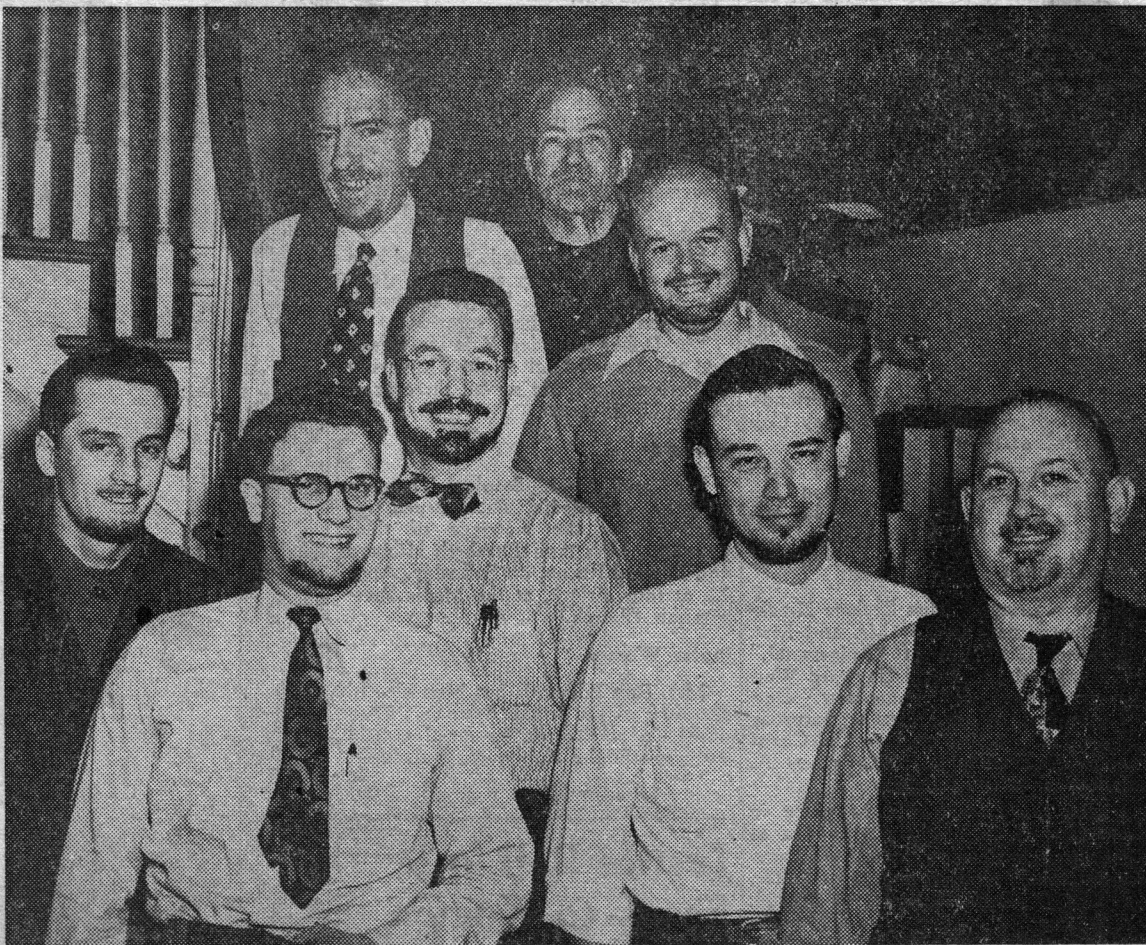


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Those who work in the hardware department at Snowden's, Inc. have spurned "beardless buttons." They started early growing a crop of whiskers. Progress, in most instances, has been good, in at least one case exceptional. (Reading left to right): front row; Jim Haviland, Paul Hutts and Ralph Robinson; second row, Al Klimac and Walter LaLonde; third row, Phil Walsh and Gordon Gibson; fifth row, William Markley.

## TALL AND BUSHY . . .



Photo by M. Lipman

Harry White

Harry White, of Sutliff and White, State street photographer's supply center, posed wearing a Lincoln type high hat, a cut-a-way coat and a Centennial Beard. The hat and coat form a part of the Esquire Store for Men's Centennial hat display.

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# Collection of Shrubbery Growers



ERNIE DIDONATO, barber, is experimenting with a "French Type" beard.

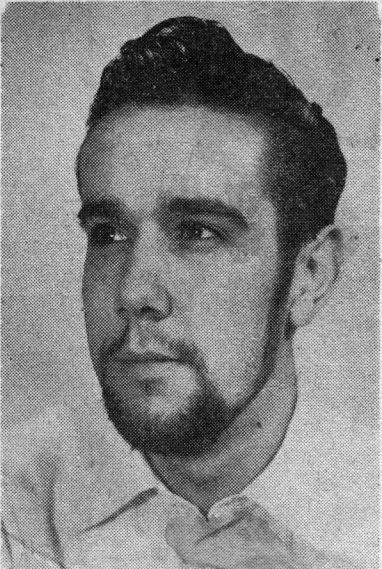


JOHN N. WOOD, Media businessman, is struggling to sprout a combination beard.

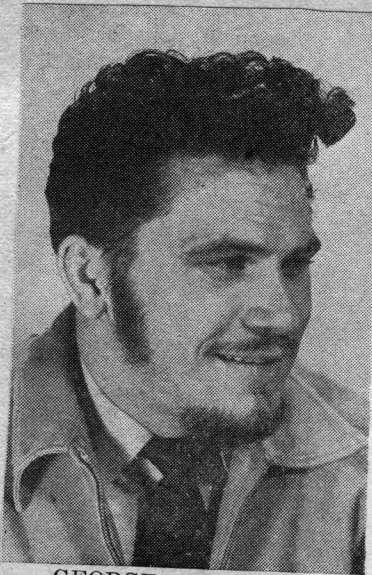


THE BUSHY "All-Over Type" beard of Dr. Alton F. Evans, Media dentist, is the result of only one month's effort.

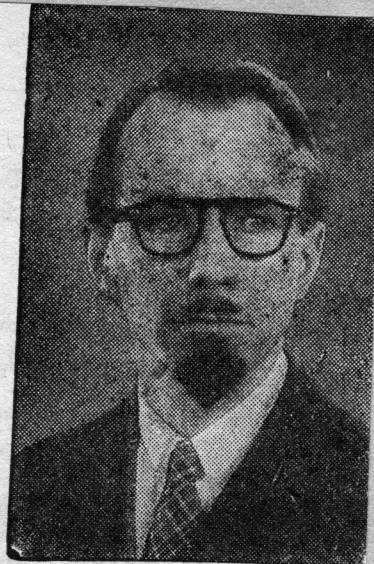
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ROBERT MURPHY, an employee of the A and P Company, stands as proof that even the young can grow a beard.



GEORGE BRANGAN



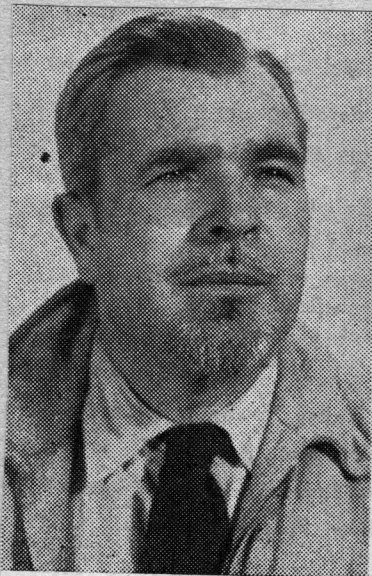
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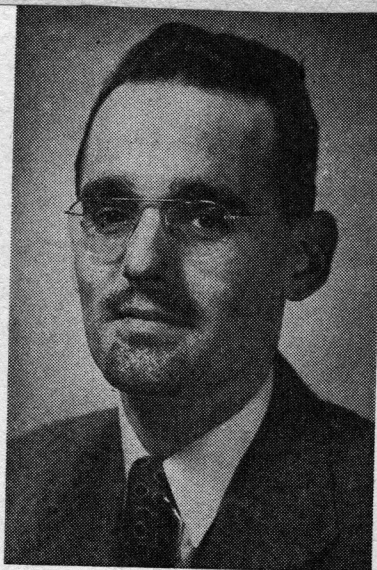
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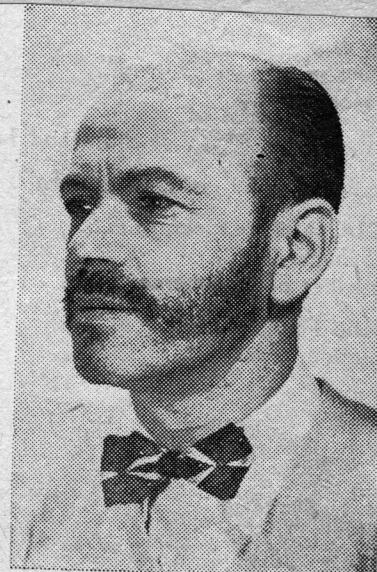
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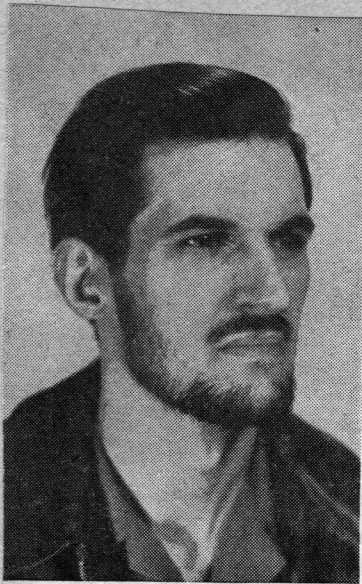


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MHS Teacher

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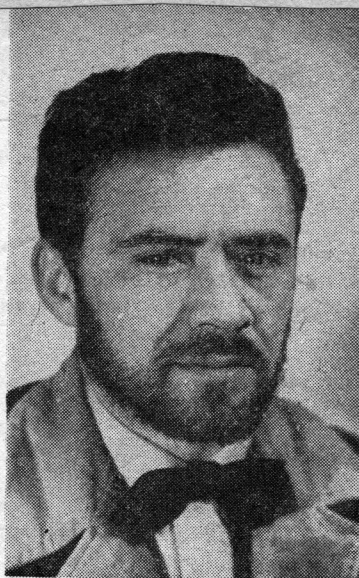




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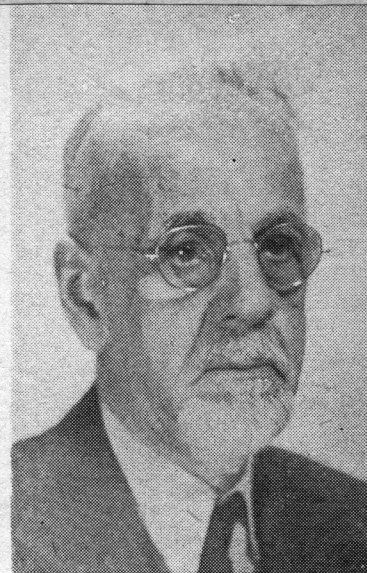
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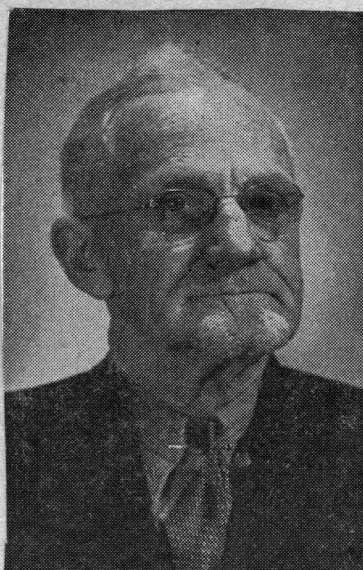
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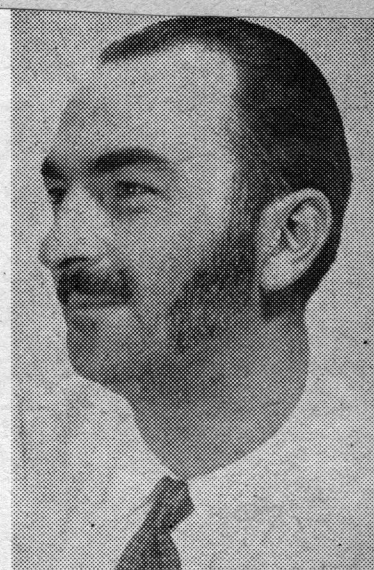
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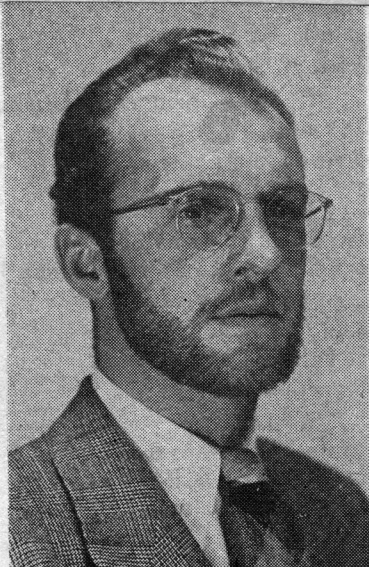
Jean Yarnall's husband



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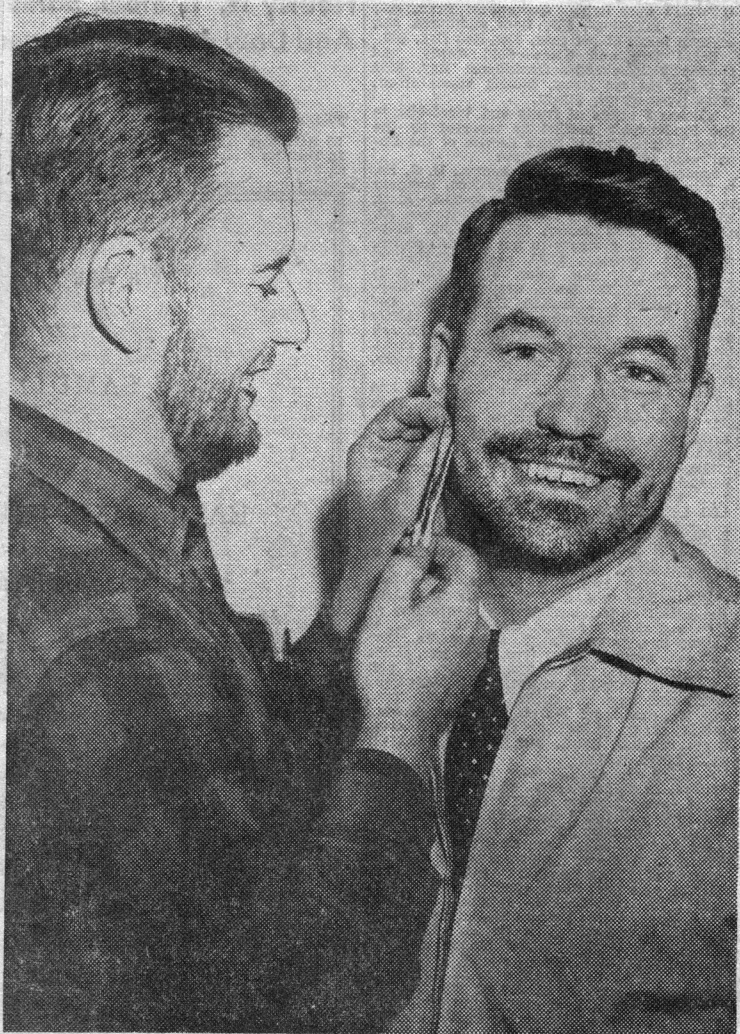




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**MEDIA BEARD WINNERS**—Here they are, finalists in the five beard contest categories sponsored by the Media Lions Club for the Centennial. Left to right: Harry McLeod, bushiest; Charles Way, most distinctive; Francis Cunningham, reddest; Charles Parker, whitest, and Jack Kelly, most unusual. The most popular beard will be selected Friday night at 7, for \$100 bond. These winners took home a \$25 bond each.

## Getting Ready for Centennial



Frank Fields playfully uses the scissors on the beard of Walter La Londe. Both are contestants in the beard-growing contest being held in Media in conjunction with the centennial anniversary celebration in the borough

## Best Beard Bonds Bucketed By 5 Mattress-Mawed Medes

With four more days of growth added to their luxurious beards, 10 beard contest finalists filed before the judges at the Media High athletic field Wednesday night, and competed for top honors and a \$25 U. S. Government bond.

Before the judges could get a crack at them, however, they put on an impromptu band concert. Nine "played" borrowed band instruments, while some Media High band members backed them up and really played the music.

The tenth contestant, 73-year-old Elwood Benson, did a dance before his bushy friends. Dressed in a frock coat and stove-pipe hat, com-

plete with cane, he did some steps that were reminiscent of the strutting of "Bojangles" Robinson.

### Parker The Winner

Unfortunately, he lost out in the finals. The judges' decision selected Charles Parker as winner of the whitest beard contest over Benson.

Other winners were Jack Kelly, in a garish plaid out of the past century, for the most unusual beard; Francis Cunningham for the reddest; Charles Way, in his Lincoln fringe and costume, as the most distinctive, and Harry McLeod as possessor of the bushiest.

A. Fred Manno, chairman of the committee, had to compete with his obstreperous Keystone Kop and Kangaroo Court crew led by Robert G. Burk, Aiding the judges, and tallying the votes were George G. Jeffries, dressed as Gen. Grant; Maurice Bevan, in a dandy of the 80s rig, and I. Frank Lees, treasurer of the committee.

The judges were Donald G. Shook, president of Media News; Mrs. Lillian Major Baker, of Baker's Print Shop; John D. Gordy, editor of Media Comment, and Doris Wiley and Fred Echelmeyer of the staff of the Chester Times.

Friday night at 7 the winner of the most popular beard will be selected, and the recipient will get a \$100 bond. Also the holder of the lucky permit badge number will get a century note, in the form of a bond.

The runners up in the contest were Benson for the whitest, Francis Scott for the most distinctive; Robert Rock for the reddest, John McFall for the bushiest and Thomas Worrall for the most unusual.



# Mrs. McKinley Attended Brooke Hall

Brooke Hall was built in Media by H. Jones Brooke in 1856. The same year Maria L. Eastman founded there a school for girls. It was a day and boarding school, whose students were required to attend church on Sundays. The school had prayers twice daily. The bishop of the Episcopal diocese and the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Media were frequent visitors there.

It is recorded that no household duties were requested from the pupils, for "the school had sufficient number of employes to do the necessary work". No "young lady" was permitted to write to a boy and none was allowed to go to Media unescorted.

Students who wished to receive advanced training came to Brooke Hall from many parts of the United States. The most famous of them was Ida Saxton, who, in 1847, became Mrs. William McKinley, the wife of the 25th president of the United States.

The alumnae of Brooke Hall founded a scholarship in memory of Maria L. Eastman, the founder and principal of the school from its beginning in 1856 to the date of its closing in 1891.

## Born in Maine

Maria L. Eastman was born in Brunswick, Me., April 16, 1816, and died in Media Feb. 17, 1895. She must have been a good executive and teacher with excellent connections to have been able to bring so many students from so many parts of the United States. The school was well known.

Miss Ketchum, Miss Julia Schelling and Miss Harriet Gault were among the teachers some of the residents of Media will remember.

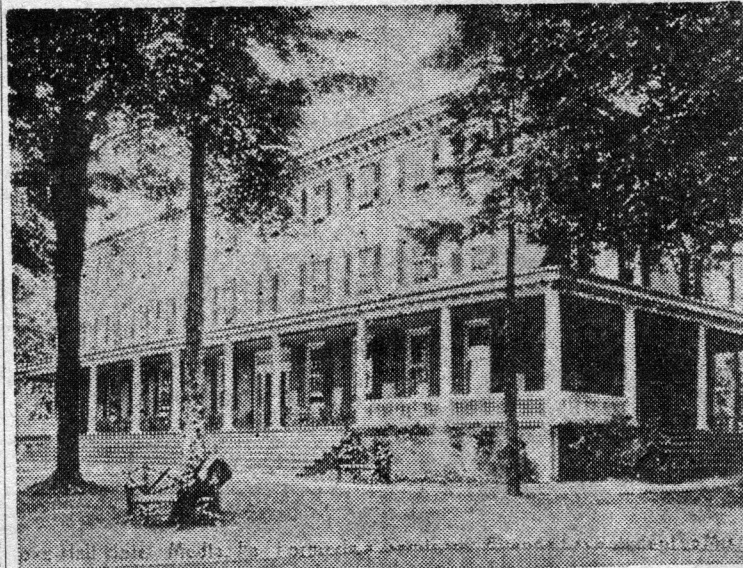
Miss Julia Schelling was a mem-

ber of a prominent family well known in educational and musical circles. One of her brothers was a Shakespearean scholar, the other, Ernest, was a well-known pianist and composer. Miss Schelling taught music at Brooke Hall.

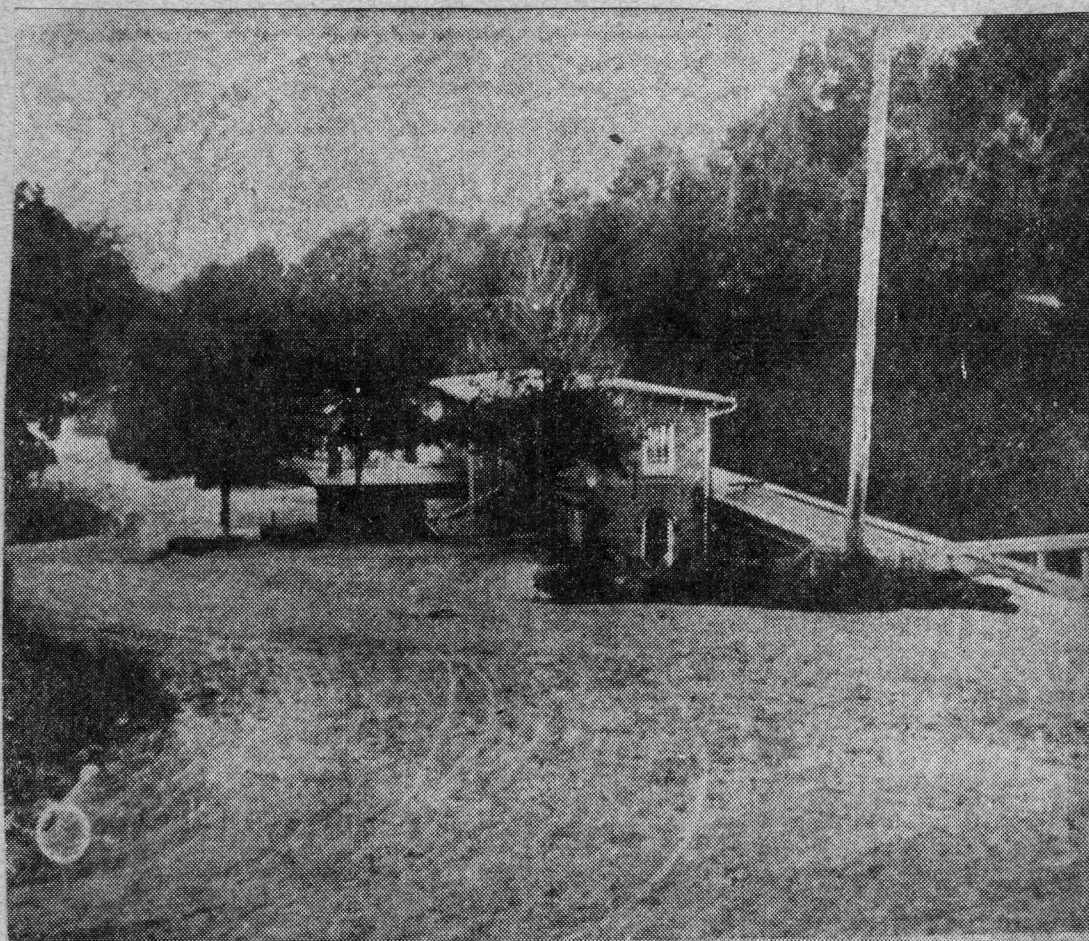
Mrs. Harriet Gault is remembered not only as a teacher at the school but also as the postmistress appointed by President McKinley.

We understand that after Brooke Hall stopped being a school it became a boarding house and later a hotel. Media at that time was quite a summer resort and Brooke Hall, the Colonial in Media and the Idlewilde in Moylan, brought many here in the summer months. The grounds, we are told, were beautifully kept. The trees and the flowers made an attractive setting for the many people who came by horse and carriage to Brooke Hall to spend all or part of the summer here.

Later the building that was erected to be a school for girls became an apartment house and serves the community in that capacity now.



**BROOKE HALL**, home of the famed Eastman Seminary "for young ladies"; now one of Media's apartment houses.

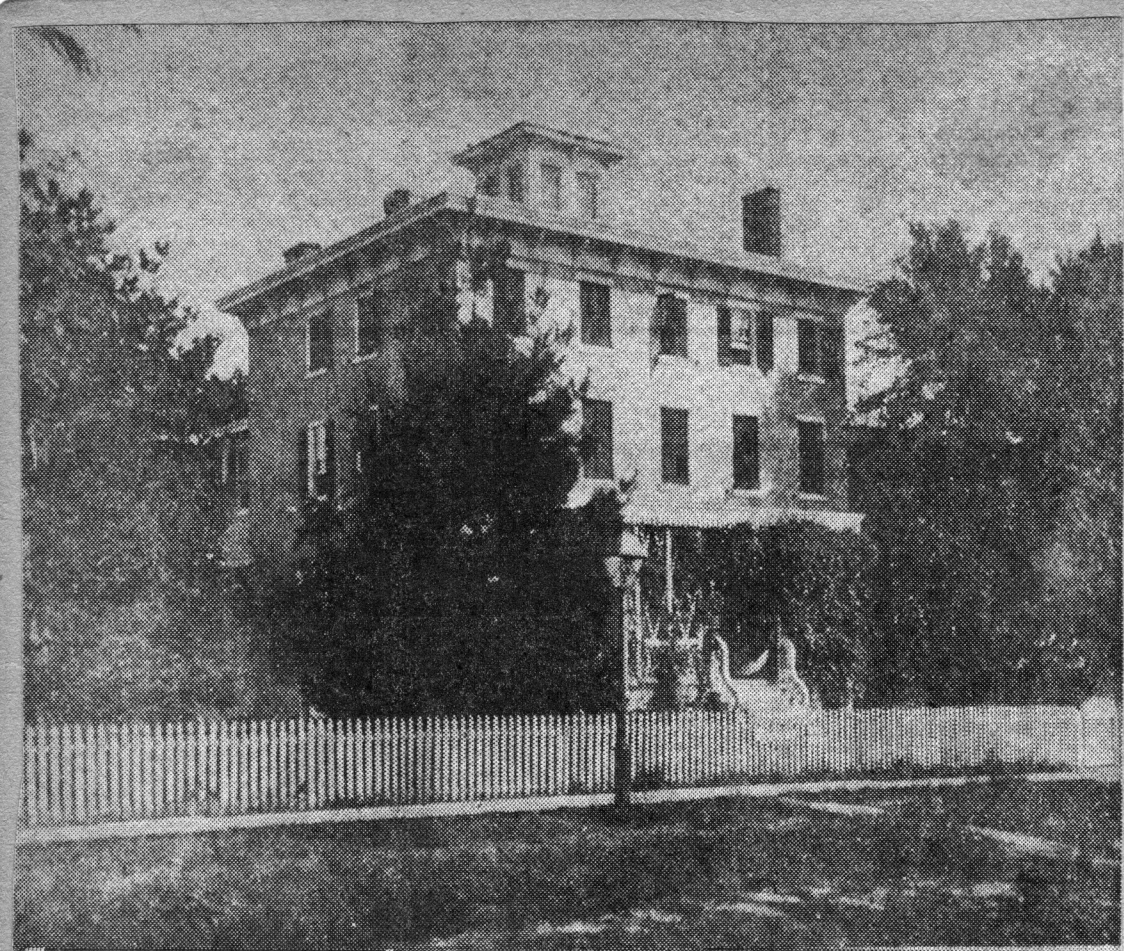


**Media Railroad Station**, Before Upper Floor Was Added

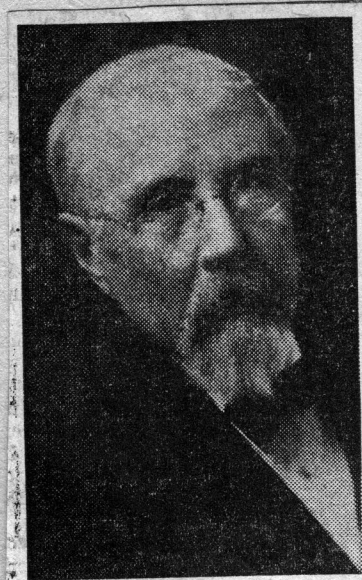


**THE OLD COVERED BRIDGE** that carried Baltimore pike over Ridley Creek, going west out of Media. Note the car tracks that turned to the left, to cross the creek on the way to Elwyn.

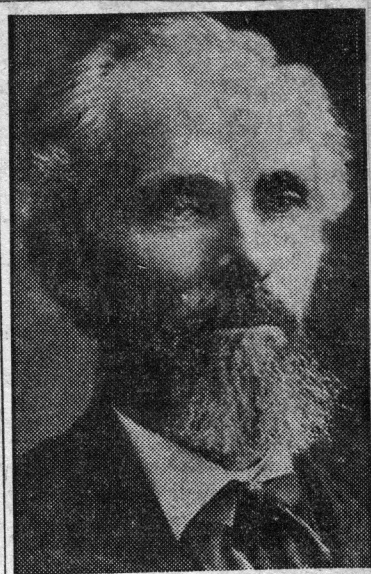




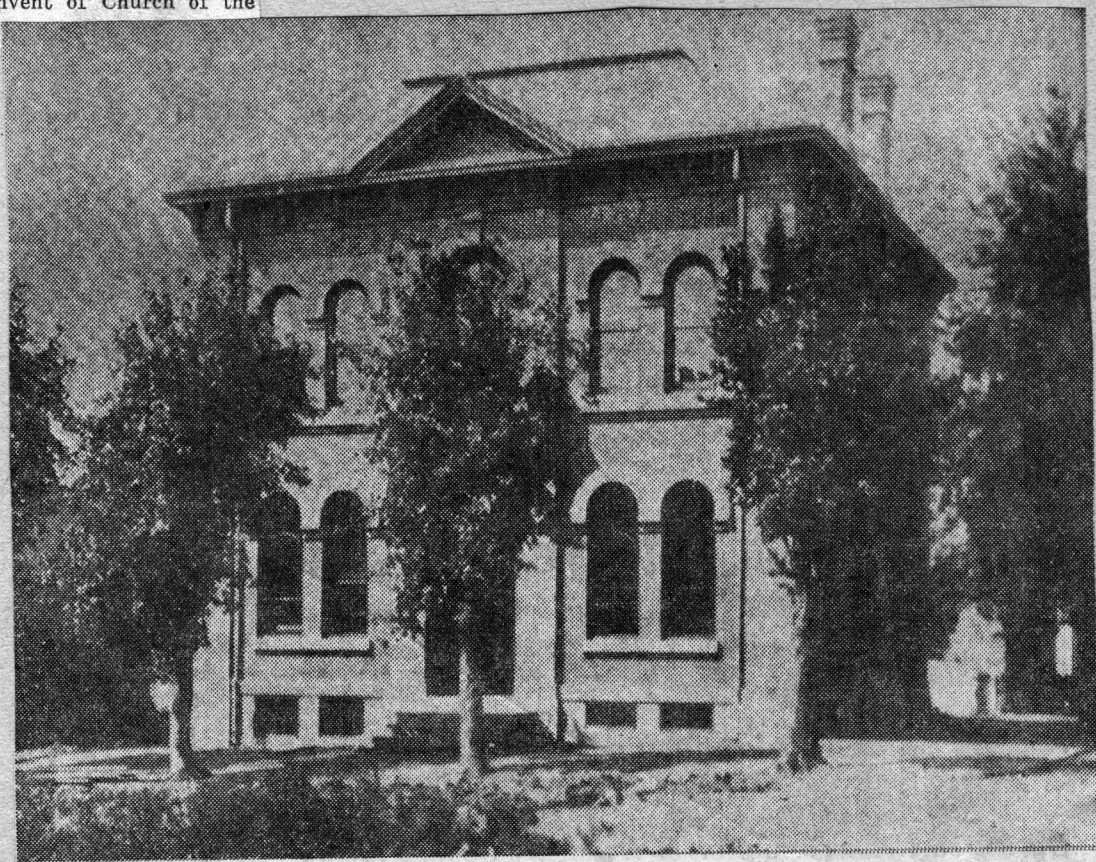
HOUSE ON GAYLEY ST., near Franklin st., which was home of "Jack" Robinson, noted political leader. Later it was known as the "Sanitarium." In recent years it has been the convent of Church of the Nativity, BVM.



JUDGE WILLIAM BROOMALL



JUDGE JOHN M. BROOMALL



OFFICE OF DELAWARE County Mutual Insurance Co., South av. and Front st., torn down several years ago.



Media's South Av., Today, Looking South From State St.

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## Beardless Celebrate at Media; Dunking Bathtub Disappears

Media's weeklong centennial celebration began today on a note of minor mystery.

The mystery:

Who stole the bathtub?

The big metal tub had been set up on the lawn of the court house at Media for use in dunking the males who either failed to grow a beard for the celebration or lacked the beardless permits that are being sold at \$1 each.

Some time during the night the tub was removed from its concrete base and spirited away.

### Police at Loss

Police admitted they were flabbergasted, as did members of the Lions Club who sponsored the beard-growing contest.

Immediately suspected, however, were all the clean-shaven men of the community.

Highlight of the first day program was a military parade through flag-bedecked streets this afternoon.

The marching units include mili-

tary reservists, veterans organizations and Army and Navy detachments from the Philadelphia Naval Base and Fort Meade.

### Girl to Be Crowned

The parade precedes dedication of a World War II memorial at State and Monroe sts. and a chemical warfare demonstration at the Media Aviation Field.

Coronation of Pat Highfield, 18, as Miss Greater Media takes place at 7.30 P. M. It and a drum and bugle corps contest at 8.15 P. M. occur on the high school athletic field.

Centennial services will be held in all churches of the borough tomorrow. Other events tomorrow will be a community memorial service at 2 P. M. on the south plaza of the Court House and another community service in the evening in Glen Providence Park.

The Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Association, and its auxiliary will hold their 21st annual reunion tomorrow in conjunction with the celebration.



CHARLES WAY  
Wins Media Beard Contest



DUNKING TIME IN MEDIA—The penalty for not having a beard, or a beardless permit in Media this week, is a dunking in a tub set up in front of the courthouse. Here Policemen (left to right) Thomas Worrall, Francis Gray, and Norman Yarnall 'dunk' victim Wayne Mosteller.

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# Brilliant Uniforms, Precision Drills, Tingling Music Mark Shriners' Show

## 100 Fire Units To Join in Media Centennial

Volunteer Companies And Auxiliaries Will Stage Record Parade

Several thousand firemen, representing nearly 100 companies, will ring down the curtain on Media's eight-day centennial celebration tomorrow.

The fire-fighters—along with members of their auxiliaries—will stage one of the largest parades of men and equipment in local history beginning at 2.30 P. M.

More than 15,000 persons, the largest single crowd to witness a centennial feature, is expected to line the route. Approximately 5,000 firemen and auxiliary members will march, according to Joseph Abernathy, program chairman.

An aerial review of 40 planes of the Delaware County Flying Club will be staged after the parade while a firemen's ball will climax the centennial festivities in the evening at the Armory.

More than 1,000 members of Lu Lu Temple will take part in a parade of fraternal orders tonight at 8. A display of the Temple's uniformed units will follow on the high school athletic field.

During evening the grand winner of the beard-growing contest will be announced, while awards will be made for the best decorated home and for the Median traveling the greatest distance to attend the centennial.

More than 3,000 persons witnessed a pageant, "Media Through the Years," staged last night in Glen Providence Park under the sponsorship of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Media.

The program, directed and narrated by Mrs. Helen R. Warwick, of Springfield, was received with enthusiasm.

Judge Henry G. Sweney took the role of Judge Henry Clatman in a scene depicting the first court trial in Media's history held in 1851.

A transcript of the original trial was used. The case involved a Morton man who was charged with operating a "tippling house" — or speakeasy. He was found guilty and fined \$30.

The Wesleyan Club of the First Methodist Church took first prize in the float division of the civic parade entitled, "Promenade of Yesteryear," staged prior to the pageant. George Jefferies, garbed as U. S. Grant, won first prize as the best dressed individual, while the Media Woman's Club took top honors for the best organization in the line of march.

## 5000 Firemen Parade as Media Ends Centennial

Crowds estimated at more than 15,000 lined two miles of Media's streets yesterday to watch one of the biggest firemen's parades in Delaware county history, a closing feature of the town's eight-day centennial celebration.

More than 5000 firemen and members of their auxiliaries marched in the parade, which was part of the annual convention of the Delaware County Firemen's Association, specially timed to coincide with the county seat's 100th birthday observance.

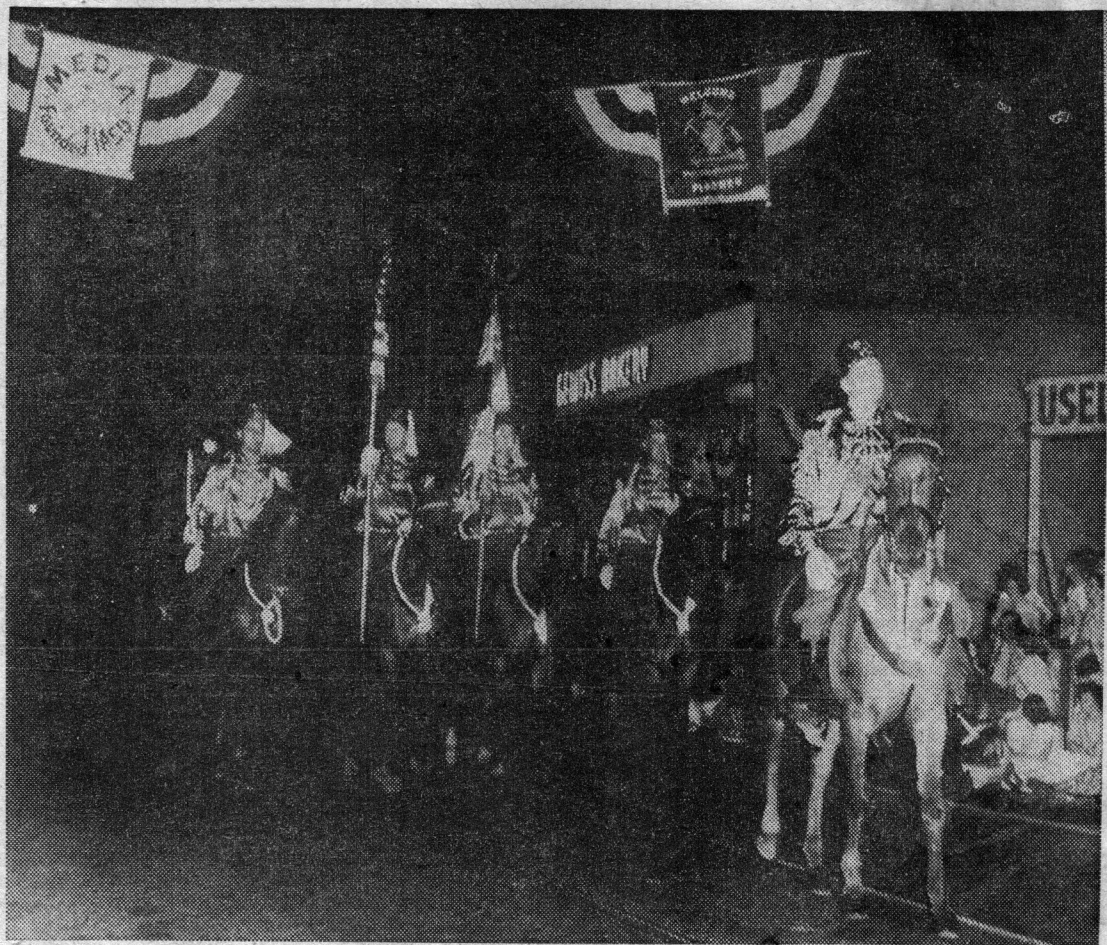
### 71 COMPANIES IN LINE

Seventy-one fire companies took part, with more than 100 pieces of apparatus and 31 bands. Ten of the fire companies were from neighboring Montgomery and Chester counties and from communities across the State border in Delaware. The parade lasted a little more than three hours.

The centennial celebration, which was the result of two years' planning under the general chairmanship of Burgess Fred Schultz, consisted of an elaborate program of pageants, parades, band concerts and historic displays, including a display of antiques in store windows along State st.

It commemorated both the incorporation of the borough in 1850,

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**SHRINER'S MOUNTED GUARD IN MEDIA PARADE**—Vanguard of more than 700 Shriners, the well-groomed mounted guard of the LuLu Temple, thrilled some 12,000 spectators who lined Baltimore av. and State st., Friday night, as the spectacular events of Borough Day in the waning hours of the Centennial Week began with a parade. The guard rode onto Media High School athletic field, and performed in the glare of the huge spotlights. Because of the area needed for drilling, only 5000 could get inside the fence, but many other thousands milled about the field trying to get a glimpse of the mounted Shriners, and the crack drill teams and bands.

## Parade, Ball End Media Observance

A mammoth firemen's parade this afternoon was the feature of the last day of Media's centennial observance.

More than 100 pieces of fire apparatus and 5,000 volunteer fire-fighters and their women auxiliaries were entered in the parade. Thirty bands were listed in the line of march.

The parade was part of the annual convention of the Delaware County Volunteer Firemen's Association. The conclave will be climaxed tonight by a ball in the Media armory.

Another parade was held last night prior to an entertainment and drills on the high school athletic field by the Lu Lu Temple Patrol and Band. A \$100 prize was awarded to Charles Way for growing the best beard for the eight-day celebration.

## Visitors Depart, Beards Vanish As Media Ends 8-Day Fete

The quiet county seat town of Media settled down to quiet again today after its rousing eight-day centennial celebration.

The flag-draped buildings and homes, the beards of 250 men and the ten tons of trash left daily by an estimated 150,000 visitors were all missing today.

Burgess J. Fred Schultz, centennial chairman, in a statement of expressing thanks to program workers and residents, reported that the entire festival was staged without one serious incident to mar the merrymaking of the 100th birthday party.

Schultz estimated that 150,000 visitors were drawn to the county seat for the programs. Local police, augmented by 40 patrolmen from

nearby districts, did a yeoman job in keeping traffic congestion down under such a widespread program.

Charles Way, grand winner of the Media Lions Club's beard growing contest, was among the 250 who used their shaving bowls yesterday for the first time in almost three months.

The shaven men were a study of spots today with pale white skin replacing the whiskers. The remainder of their faces was "sun-kissed" and tanned from outdoor programs of the centennial.

Highway department members worked through the night Saturday to clean another six truck loads of trash from the borough before Sunday morning churchgoers hit the streets.

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# Media Celebrating Its Birth 100 Years Ago As Centrally-Located Delaware County Seat

By JOHN GORDY

Of The Bulletin Staff

The borough of Media, conceived in bickering and dedicated to the proposition that a county seat should be easy for everybody to get to, is 100 years old.

From a rural tract surrounding the county poorhouse, Media has grown to be a thriving, modern community with a population exceeding 5,000. It is the seat of government for Delaware County's 400,000-odd residents.

## Week's Fete in June

The centennial was observed quietly Friday, anniversary of the borough's incorporation by an act of the State Legislature. A fancier, week-long celebration will be held in June.

Media is a borough without early traditions. It came into being for a strictly geographical reason: it's located within a few yards of the county's center.

In the early part of the 19th Century, the Legislature was repeatedly asked by Delaware Countians to move the county seat from Chester to a more central site. A trip to the courthouse on the muddy lanes of that era was quite a problem.

## Fought by Chester

Chester residents and those nearby naturally opposed the change with considerable vigor. But in 1847 the Legislature passed an act calling for qualified voters to decide at the next general election "whether the seat of government shall be continued in Chester or removed to a point one-half mile from the poorhouse."

The voters decided to move the county seat. The county bought about 300 acres of land. As decreed by the Legislature, the parts of the tract not needed for public buildings were sold as building lots.

The first public sale was held on September 17, 1849. Seventy plots were sold at prices ranging from \$1.80 to \$6 per front foot. A lot today in Media can cost as much as \$500 a front foot.

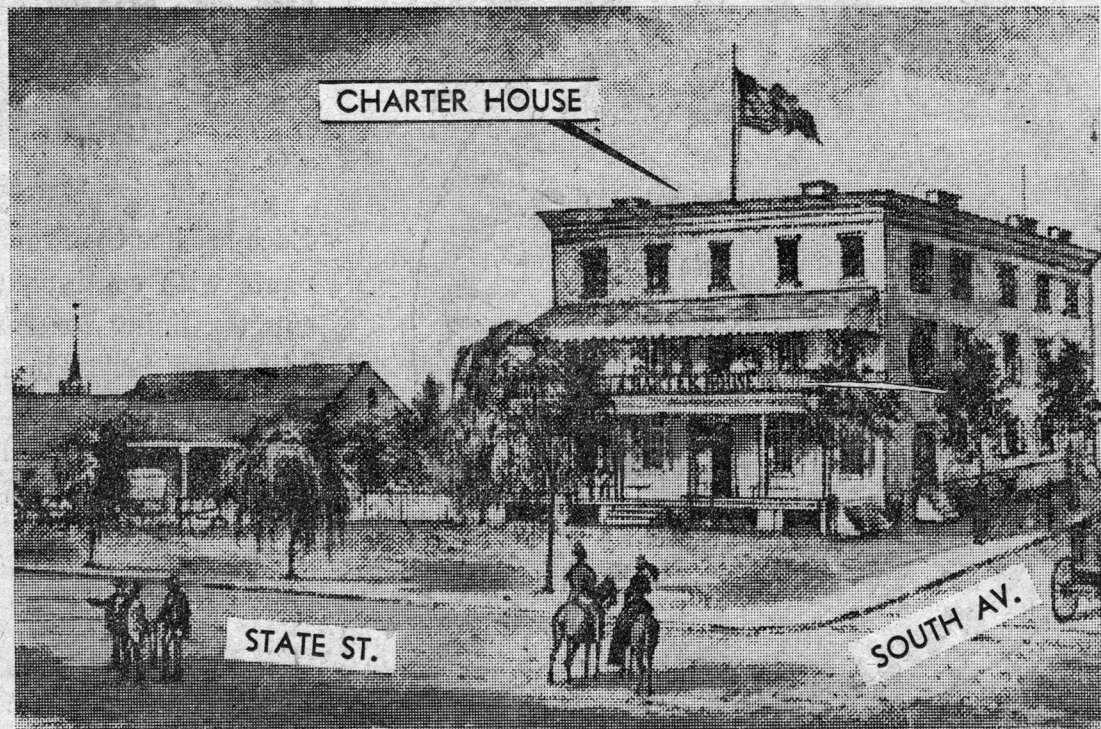
On January 10, 1850, the lot holders met in the Providence Inn, now Media Hospital, for the purpose of naming the borough-to-be.

## Origin of Name Uncertain

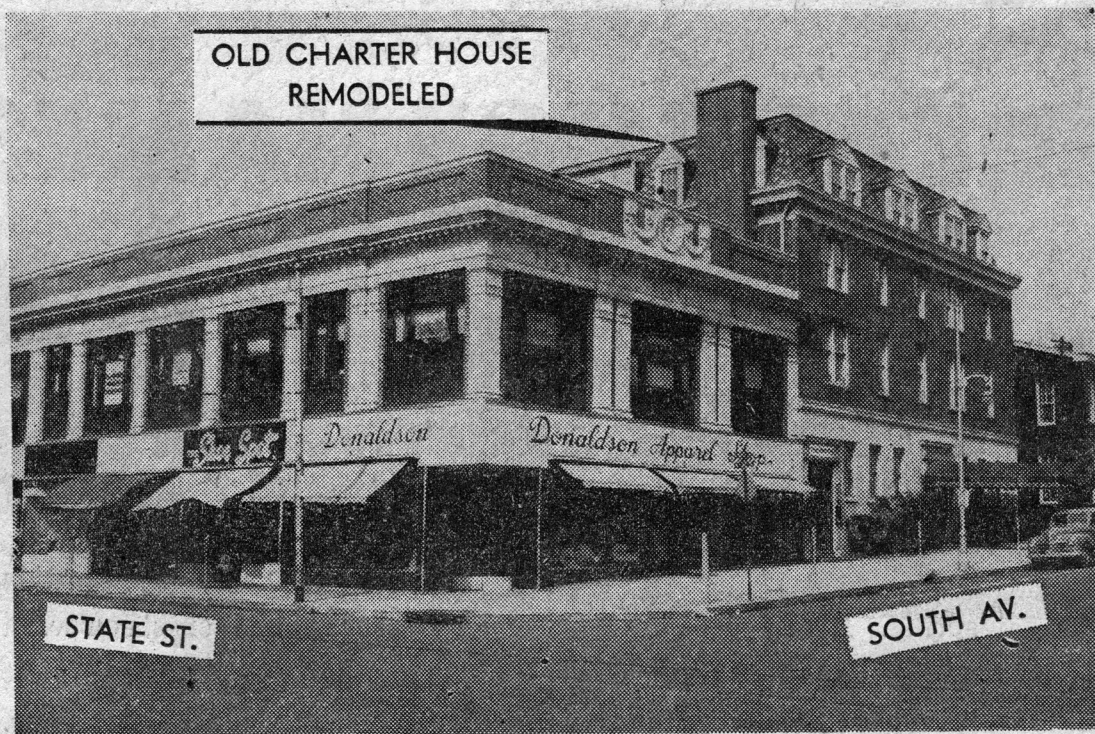
Minchall Painter, a member of one of the 12 families living within the proposed borough limits, is credited with suggesting the name of Media. Opinion is divided over whether Painter picked the name because the settlement was in the county's center or because he had an Old World town in mind.

"That question has never been fully settled," says Edward R. Trepper, of 507 S. Orange st., Media, who is writing the borough's history for the Centennial Committee.

The Legislature ordered Isaac Haldeman, who had opened a general store near the courthouse site, to hold a public meeting for selecting borough officers. At the meet-



Charter House and its stables as they appeared in 1860's. The inn, built by public subscription as a "temperance hotel," was completed in 1851, year after neighboring county seats' founding



Old Charter House, its face considerably lifted, continues in use as Media celebrates its centennial. The former hostelry has been converted into an apartment building, named Plymouth Hall

ing in Peter Worrall's home on March 17, 1850, William T. Pierce was named burgess. Six men were elected to council.

## Fight Over Liquor

In the course of preparing for incorporation, a bitter battle developed over the inclusion of a clause banning the sale of "ardent spirits."

The teetotalers won. Liquor was banned in the charter. It took the repeal of the 18th Amendment to bring the sale of liquor to Media.

The wet-dry fight led to the town's first major construction. The Rev. James W. Dale suggested a "temperance" hotel be erected to commemorate the dry victory.

Public subscriptions were asked

and a three-story building, called Charter House, was completed in August, 1851, at State st. and South av. Recently it was converted into an apartment house.

Media has been laying plans for its June centennial celebration for two years. Burgess J. Fred Schultz is general chairman of the committee of business and civic leaders.